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**Testimony to Senate Transportation Committee
In Opposition to SB275
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Sen. Petersen and Committee Members,

Our associations support in concept what we believe is being proposed in this bill. But we oppose the bill as written as we will explain further.

It is our understanding this bill is intended to ease some of the issues driver's license suspensions for failure to appear in court on some traffic offenses causes to those involved. We agree there is room to make such considerations. The provision to allow for suspended drivers to operate a vehicle in limited circumstances is a good provision in existing law. We understand the intent of this bill is to expand that and eliminate the 90-day extension, but only for those who are suspended for failure to appear in court. We support this change.

We also support the deletion on page 4 lines 11-13, which as we understand would remove a restriction of extending the restriction options if appropriate.

Our objection to the bill centers around Section 1, subsection (b) being deleted as proposed on page 2 lines 2-7. This subsection applies to all suspensions, not just those for failure to appear. We are opposed to eliminating this extension for other types of suspensions, especially those involving hazardous driving including DUI. Simply deleting this subsection will remove the extension from those suspensions. We strongly encourage you to leave this subsection active and instead craft a provision that would eliminate it only for those who were suspended for failure to appear.

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