

January 23, 2023

Senate Committee on Transportation Chair, Sen. Mike Petersen Vice Chair, Sen. J.R. Claeys Ranking Minority Member, Sen. Tom Hawk

Re: Senate Bill 100 Testimony

Chairman Petersen, Vice Chair Claeys, Ranking Minority Member Hawk, and members of the committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to address you regarding the opportunities SB 2 would offer thousands of Kansans that you and I both serve.

I regularly hear from individuals whom have had their license suspended/revoked due to a number of various issues, who are seeking to get a reinstatement so that they can get to and from work in order to pay whatever fines they may have in order to legally drive once again without fear of being pulled over.

No matter how they got into this predicament, the vast majority are simply seeking a real opportunity to be responsible and have their driving privileges reinstated in order to (a) get to and from work (b) to and from school (c) to and from church (d) simply be able to travel without worry of incurring more infractions.

This legislation is a great step in removing some of the barriers to gain their license back by reducing the financial burden to regain their driving privileges and in many cases allowing them to be punctual in arriving to work.

With your support of this bill, constituents that lost their driving privileges simply because a ticket snowballed into thousands of dollars in fines and legal fees that they unfortunately could not keep up with will have a real opportunity to get back on the right foot.

Thanks to previous efforts of the legislature regarding suspended driver's licenses, the City of Wichita has implemented a new program to support impacted citizens and help get them back on their feet. Passing this bill would help us do even more for those who have been impacted to higher degree.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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