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**Sheila Officer's Written Testimony in
Support of House Bill 2009
Restricted Driving Privileges (RDPs)**

My name is Sheila Officer and I reside in Park City Kansas. I submit this as my written testimony in support of **House Bill 2009/ Restricted Driving Privileges.**

While as a motorist, I realize that driving is a privilege and that the suspension or revocation of one's license is a form of punishment. The same reality is that suspending or revoking a person's driving privileges creates an undue hardship not only on the driver, but the family and communities at large.

For instance, a student who must attend school because of scholarship conditions, yet suddenly loses his/her driving privileges is at risk of quitting school and possibly that person's entire career could be destroyed. A mother, who is a single bread winner and therefore must maintain her livelihood, is at risk of losing that livelihood if she is unable to transport herself to work and her children back and forth to school and or daycare. Families are our communities so we all suffer the consequences.

Communities are already suffering! As legislators I ask that you make Kansas as "progressive and compassionate as other states such as, Texas, Ohio, Missouri, and Tennessee, and pass House Bill 2009. These states have and have had "compassionate laws," that require retribution to the state, but also realize that we are all human and mistakes will be made. They realize that mistakes shouldn't continuously penalize and create **UNDUE** hardship on families/communities, with **NO OPTIONS FOR RELIEF!**

Work, school, emergencies, treatment and job related tasks, is a reality of life. A driving license suspension or revocation tells families, I have no choice but to drive anyway! Having a Restricted Driving Privilege gives families another **CHOICE. A BETTER CHOICE! A LEGAL choice. IT IS IMPERATIVE** that choices are available.

When granting the RDP, statutes should provide motorist the conditions in which RDPs will be granted. Also, the statutes should also provide a list of **certain definite** conditions in

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which a RDP will **NOT** be granted. For instance, A Restricted Driving Privilege WILL NOT be granted if a conviction for "Leaving the Scene of an Accident" is on a motorist's driving record. **(Just an example.)** This writer believes that by outlining the specifics in which RDP will NOT be granted, will save the applicant who is already "economically stricken," a \$25.00 application fee that will more than likely, be nonrefundable, yet profitable for the State.

As a mother, grandmother, and motorist of Kansas, I ask that you support **House Bill 2009**, presented by my legislator, my voice and my vote, **Oletha Faust-Goudeau**.

I thank Senator Faust- Goudeau for her fortitude, insight and compassion in addressing the needs of Kansans.

Thank you committee for hearing/ reading my testimony in support of House Bill 2009.

Should you have any questions or concerns of my position, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

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