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Testimony in opposition to SB 352

Submitted by Aaron Mays on behalf of Allstate Insurance

Thank you, Chairman Olson and members of the committee. I come before you today representing Allstate Insurance and its subsidiary company Avail. We are opposed to SB 352 in its current form.

In December 2019 the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) adopted the Peer to Peer Car Sharing Program Model Act. This model act was a result of months of stakeholder negotiations that ultimately was agreed upon by all parties as a true compromise. It creates a regulatory framework for a new type of business model and provides essential consumer protections to all parties involved.

While there are some similarities, the bill before you today is not that model bill. Several pieces have been modified in ways that we believe are not in the true spirit of the compromise. We respectfully ask that if you choose to work this bill, that it be amended to accurately reflect the original NCOIL model act language.

If this bill is amended, we would gladly change our position and urge its passage.

Although Avail doesn't currently have a presence in the State of Kansas, we hope to very soon. This legislation, in its current form, would be a significant barrier to entry. The NCOIL Model Act is a welcome consumer protection but should not be modified to prevent the growth of an emerging industry in Kansas.

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. I would be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.

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