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Testimony in Support of SB 94 – Establishing a minimum course duration for motor vehicle accident prevention courses.

Senate Committee on Assessment and Transportation

Honorable Chair – Mike Petersen Vice Chair – Dan Goddard Ranking Minority – Pat Pettey Honorable Committee Members

Thank you, Chairman Petersen and esteemed members of the Committee for allowing me the opportunity to speak in support of Senate Bill 94 today.

The state of Kansas currently provides a discount for any individual that successfully completes a motor vehicle accident prevention course. This discount can result in a savings of up to 10% on that individual's automobile insurance premiums.

There are a few ways that you can currently take this course: You can take an online course, or you can take it in a traditional class room setting. Because of the way that this statute is written, if you take an online course someone can do it in as little as 4 hours, while those who take it in a traditional class room setting are required to have an 8-hour course. This results in a negative impact on our seniors who are more apt to use the traditional class room setting instead of the online courses.

I urge you to pass SB 94 out favorably from this committee.

Thank you, Chairman Petersen, and Committee for your time and consideration it was an honor to speak before you!

Thank you,

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