

To: Senate Transportation Committee

From: Travis Lowe

**AAA Kansas** 

February 19, 2019

Re: Support of Senate Bill 94

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

I am Travis Lowe appearing on behalf of AAA Kansas. Since AAA's founding in 1902, the not-for-profit, fully tax-paying organization has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers. AAA serves over 344,000 Kansans. On behalf of AAA, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to offer support for legislation that will improve road safety for motorcycle drivers and other auto drivers as well.

Senate Bill 94 establishes a minimum instructional threshold. While more instruction is better for safety reasons, AAA prefers a minimum of a six-hour course. However, we will support a four-hour course minimum as proposed in this bill.

We are suggesting two modifications to the bill so that a particular safety organization is not named in the statute, but broader references are made to utilize a nationally-recognized driver training curriculum or a nationally-recognized safety organization.

We propose that the bill is revised as such:

## AAA REVISED LANGUAGE PROPOSED IN YELLOW:

"...after the principal operator of the covered vehicle successfully completes a motor vehicle accident crash prevention course, of at least four hours in duration, utilizing a nationally-recognized driver training curriculum or a curriculum approved by a state or federal agency.

We respectfully urge your support of this bill and consideration of these amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this matter.

Travis Lowe