

Dear Kansas House Judiciary Committee,

As a transportation supervisor for a Kansas Public School District I want to give you an example of why House Bill 2154 is so important to the school transportation community and the citizens of Kansas to keep the almost 220,000 public and private K-12 students that ride a school bus daily safe while they are most vulnerable, when boarding or exiting that bus at their home.

Below is an 18 second video clip recorded in October 2019, a Sedgwick County Sheriff's Deputy was riding one of our buses while being followed by other deputies waiting to catch stop arm offenders. It was recorded by a member of the local media who happened to be along covering the event. The bus was stopped at a regular bus stop along Rock Road near McConnell AFB picking up two students. You can clearly see the stop arm on the bus is deployed, watch in disbelief as 4 cars pass the bus at speed without slowing down.

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Thanks to the frantic efforts of the deputy on the bus relaying information to his colleagues 4 motorists received citations that day but we can't always have a deputy on the bus with us and this kind of activity happens every day across Kansas.

During the 2019 One Day Stop Arm Violation Count from the 3300 buses that participated there were 1040 violations reported. Thankfully Kansas has not had a loading/unloading fatality in over 10 years but it is only a matter of time and the passing of this bill is important to combat this hazardous activity.

Thank you for your time

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