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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce and our nearly 1,500 members employing well over 150,000 talented Kansans, thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony in support of H.B. 2193, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to driving privileges; revocation, suspension or restrictions thereof; fines and application fees; amending K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-262 and 8-2110 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-2110b.

We support the policy changes included in H.B. 2193 because we believe they make it easier for Kansans to reestablish proper driving credentials with the State of Kansas. This, in turn, helps individuals to be able to attend work or school and/or provide care for dependents. We recognize that well-intentioned people sometimes find themselves in situations that lead to cycles of arrests, fines, and even imprisonment and that these cycles of trouble are often related to financial hardships. The state should take every possible measure to reduce these cycles by not adding ever-increasing financial strains.

Thank you, and we urge the committee to report H.B. 2193 favorable for passage.

Very truly yours,

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