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Chairman Mike Peterson
Transportation Committee
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Re: Testimony Sen. Sub. HB 2166 / AKA Distinguished License Plate / Proponent

Thank you, Chairman Mike Peterson and Committee for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Sen. Sub. HB 2166, specifically for an Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority distinguished license plate and including the Braden's Hope for Childhood Cancer and the Kansas Educators Support Foundation (Proud Educators) distinguished license plates.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) is an international service organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-educated women. Alpha Kappa Alpha is comprised of nearly 300,000 members in approximately 1,018 graduate and undergraduate chapters in the United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Liberia, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Dubai, Germany, Japan, Liberia, and South Korea. The organization is led by International President Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, and it is often hailed as "America's premier Greek-letter organization for African American women."

The purpose of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of service to all mankind.

Nationwide there are over twenty-five other states that have Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority distinctive license plates. They include Texas, Oklahoma, Illinois, Mississippi, Alabama, Virginia, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Florida, North Carolina, Arkansas, Maryland, Ohio, Delaware, Kentucky, Missouri, Maine, Michigan, California, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Statewide the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has nine membership chapters members with hundreds of active members who are eager and willing to support and purchase the minimum quantity of 250 distinctive license plate annually. It is our hope that Kansas will join in with these other states and allow members of this well-established organization to purchase this plate and show their strong pride in their organization, support of its programs and their pride as citizens of the great state of Kansas.

Please vote to support passage of Sen. Sub. HB 2166 out of the Senate Transportation Committee favorably.

Committees: Financial Institutions Ins. & Pensions, Insurance, Joint Committee on Corrections & Juvenile Justice Oversight, Juvenile Justice Oversight, Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission