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Chairman Petersen and members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

The Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), is pleased to provide testimony in support of SB 332, prohibiting the use of a mobile telephone while operating in school or road construction zone or by individuals less than 18 years of age.

The ENA comprises more than 43,000 members worldwide, including nearly 350 members in Kansas. On a daily basis, emergency nurses see the devastating effects of motor vehicle crashes as we care for injured patients. These injuries are preventable and we support measures like SB 332 to enhance the safety of Kansans.

In their 2015 report, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration attributes 94 percent of serious crashes to driver factors, rather than environment or vehicle factors. In crashes in which the driver's errors were the cause, almost half are due to recognition error, including driver inattention, distractions and inadequate surveillance. In order to save the lives and decrease serious injuries of Kansans on our roadways, our drivers must remain attentive to the task of driving. The Emergency Nurses Association supports enactment and enforcement of laws that decreases use .

We respectfully request that committee members support SB 332.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. As emergency nurses, we are committed to provide the utmost in care to ill and injured Kansans. Should you have any questions regarding emergency nursing or the Kansas Emergency Nurses Association, you may contact Teresa Taylor at 785-231-4363.

Respectfully,

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