

## We Kan Drive Jack Mansfield Testimony

Hello, my name is Jack Mansfield and I am 18 years old and have been in foster care since 2016. I am the Vice President of the Kansas Youth Advisory Council. I was unable to get my driver's license before I turned 18 because expenses associated with having your license. My foster parents did not want me to drive their car because I was not on their insurance and getting on it would have been too expensive. When I got my new job, my foster parents had to drive me there because I was unable to myself with no license. I got my license when I did turn 18 and was able to get my car insurance and a car through my foster parents that I will be paying them back for both. Not all other foster youth have that option. Along with paying my foster parents back, I pay for gas, tires, and overall cost of maintaining the car, which is all very expensive. I think it would be easier for young adult to obtain their driver's license, education, and hours if there was a set program that helped teach them about driving rules, help with driving hours, and help with the cost of getting your license.