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Mr. Chairman and members of the House Transportation Committee

Ref: HB 2470 – An act regulating traffic; concerning overtaking and passing school buses, cameras, and penalties.

A safety issue involving children riding school buses came to my attention. After visiting with the Riley County school transportation director I became convinced something must be done. The result of that collaboration is HB 2470 before you. I became even more convinced when I saw a car pass a bus on a country road. The bus was stopped with stop sign extended and lights flashing.

I am asking you to carefully consider this bill that offers remedies for this infraction of rules. It appears that driver education and awareness campaigns are insufficient.

Respectively submitted,

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