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Testimony in Favor of SB-332-Assessment and Taxation Committee

Good morning Chair Man Senator Donovan,

Vice Chair Sen. Tyson, Ranking member Sen. Holland and other esteemed members of the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the opportunity to speak before your committee in support of Senate Bill 332. I had a chance to visit the Kansas DUI Impact Center and after the presentation, I was touched by the services that the center provides to family members who have lost loved ones because of drunk drivers. I am very appreciative for this informal hearing. Although, I was hoping for a hearing of which this bill would be passed out of committee and into law.

As of today, if a defendant is found guilty of drunk driving they are sometimes placed on diversion. If granted that opportunity, the courts will send the defendant to the Kansas DUI Impact Center for a presentation on the consequences of drunk driving, and this is why we should grant the Impact Center a nonprofit status.

The DUI Impact Center provides services for citizens throughout the State of Kansas, yet they do not receive government funding. The center has a positive impact on the defendant's and the lives of family members who have lost their loved ones by the act of drunk driving, and this bill can be conducive to their progress.

Thank you for your time, and I would appreciate your consideration of Passing SB-332

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