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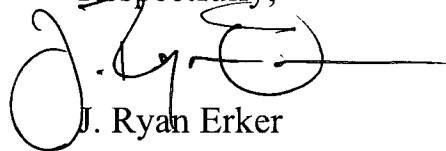
Subject: HB2289 - Testimony in Favor

Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in favor of HB2289. My active Kansas law practice gives me the privilege to interact with Kansans and the law on a daily basis. Many of the people that I speak with are very surprised to learn that their driving privileges can be suspended without the review of all reports and materials associated with police interaction. The idea that the ability to drive, which many Kansans see as an absolute necessity, and most assume is a right rather than a privilege, could be suspended without proper oversight and review comes as a shock to many. Additionally, these same citizens are surprised to learn that an unlawful stop by a mistaken officer cannot be reviewed or even argued. I am hopeful that the provisions of HB2289 will bring our laws into harmony with reasonable procedures that result in fair license hearings and will reflect the expectations and assumptions of our citizens.

I urge you to adopt HB2289 and I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,



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