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To: House Judiciary Committee

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Subject: H.B. 2289

Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee:

Please support proposed House Bill 2289. It would facilitate fairness to our citizens. Currently, the rule and procedure in place violates fundamental fairness. This bill would help remedy that without causing undue hardship. There are two reasons the proposed bill is fair and should be enacted.

1. The proposed bill is in harmony with the 4th Amendment of the United States Constitution. Currently, officers can pull a driver over for absolutely no reason. Yes, in Kansas, a state within America! When I explain that to people, they are shocked and uncomfortable. I, along with most reasonable minded people, greatly appreciate and support the efforts of law enforcement. However, allowing officers to stop drivers without cause is too far and ignores the values of our Constitution.
2. A driver should be entitled to the police reports in order to fairly address the allegations at an administrative hearing. This seems self-evident and it is unbelievable to think that a driver can be denied this. Thankfully, some counties understand the fundamental fairness of the matter and therefore do provide the discovery. However, some counties, like Leavenworth and Douglas regularly refuse to provide the discovery.

The proposed bill is neither liberal nor conservative. It is Constitutional.

Please support H.B. 2289.

Very Truly Yours,


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