



January 23, 2016

**Re: Testimony on Senate Tax Committee Bill 332 (Support)
(Tax Exempt Status of the Kansas DUI Impact Center)**

Chairman Donovan and Committee Members,

I have practiced as both a defense and plaintiff personal injury attorney for over 21 years in the State of Kansas. I have seen hundreds of lives turned upside down as a result of the negligence of drunk drivers.

As a citizen of Kansas and on behalf of all of my law firm's clients and their families, I am respectfully requesting your support of Senate Bill 332. The Kansas DUI Impact Center provides crucial services to Kansans victimized by impaired drivers. Our law firm has seen first-hand the benefits this agency has provided to our clients including its advocacy for victims and support groups. The drunk driver prevention programs are well-organized and very beneficial. Our law firm has participated in these educational programs and these are well-received. These programs take that vital first step in the prevention of impaired driving. The Kansas DUI Impact Center is unique in that it is the only agency that we are aware of that provides such services.

Providing the agency with a State Tax Exemption would significantly increase its ability to serve Kansans devastated by vehicular crimes committed under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Allowing the Kansas DUI Impact Center to use their tax dollars as a resource to better serve our community, results in an investment in Kansas that far exceeds the tax value.

We respectfully request your help in allowing the Kansas DUI Impact Center to obtain this much needed tax exempt status.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dustin L. DeVaughn', followed by a long horizontal line.

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