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Hello, Senator Faust-Goudeau. I am very pleased that you are promoting a bill that allows people with a suspended license to have a hardship license that allows them to get to work, doctor's appointments and other necessary travel. When you live in a rural area there are few alternative ways to get places. Being without wheels is more than a hardship...it can be the end of your way of life.

In 2009 my daughter's car was broadsided by another car that came out of the fog. When all was said and done, my daughter lost her license because she had been driving without insurance. (She had not known it had lapsed.)

It took my daughter SEVEN years to get her license back because she had no reliable way to get to work. Many times she was unemployed and on welfare for months. Fees and penalties grew way beyond the original fines. She had to pay a little at a time until all of her debts were covered.

My daughter lost her license. She lost her job, she lost her apartment and she lost her car. She and her daughter had to move home with me. I live 90 miles from Kansas City; 60 miles from Topeka. There is no public transportation for someone who lives in a rural county and there are few jobs within walking distance. Many times my daughter got to work because I drove her there and stayed in town all day so I could drive her home. We were away from home so many hours, that her daughter was being left unattended too long. We had to take the girl out of school so she could travel with us. The public library became a classroom where she was homeschooled.

If Senate Bill #5 had been in place, my daughter would have been able to keep her job and her apartment in Kansas City. Her daughter would have remained in public school and my daughter would have been back on her feet in a fraction of the time that this has taken. She would never have been on welfare. Instead she would have remained a hardworking, tax-paying citizen.

I am fully in favor of Senate Bill #5. A penalty that takes away your driver's license should not take away your entire life.