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Good Moring,

Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony for proposed legislation today. To begin my story was April 12th 2016 I and two others were riding our bicycles south on Wanamaker in Topeka Kansas in daylight hours with no weather and no visibility issues. We were approaching crest of large hill on 42 block of Wanamaker. The road is two lanes going south and two lanes going north. We were riding south in far right lane single file approximately 2 feet from the gutter. We all had our flashing lights turn on to provide visibility to motorist. Traffic had lots room to pass around us. Toyota Echo driven by young women knocked us all down; I struck from the rear, and went over the hood of the car made contact with the windshield and side mirror. They car reported stopped and turned around approximately 150-200 feet after we were hit. They police statement of the young woman was looking down and did not see us.

I was transported ambulance to Stormont Vail ER and spent week in hospital with fracture sacrum and thoracic fractures. I suffer from nerve damage in sacrum area to bladder requiring self-cauterization. I have digestive constipation from the Injury. I was off 11 weeks of work and was on bed rest to allow the fractures to heal. I still have problem sitting long periods and the nerve damage has improved however, I still have to self-cauterization periodically to prevent kidney damage with on-going costs for medical care and supplies.

No citations were issues at the crash scene.