

The Honorable John Barker,
Chairperson House Committee on Federal and State Affairs Statehouse,
Room 285-N Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Chairman Barker:

I am writing to ask that you support HB 2003 which would allow limited driver's licenses to people who can verify their own identity by several means. By ensuring that individuals without immigration status can pass driving exams, obtain insurance, and legally drive to work and elsewhere, such measures make our roads safer for everyone and can actually stimulate the economy. Driver's license application fees will generate revenue for the state.

Granting driver's licenses to all residents will improve public safety on our roads. Extending driving privileges to undocumented immigrants will require individuals to take driver's tests and properly register with the Kansas Department of Revenue through the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Licensed drivers know the rules of the road and have a proper understanding of traffic regulations. Licensed drivers will be required to obtain auto insurance, reducing the cost of accidents involving uninsured motorists and potentially lowering insurance rates for everyone. Law enforcement can better ensure public safety when they can identify motorists and access accurate traffic records.

It was only in the 1990s after California restricted driver's licenses to US citizens only that Kansas and 44 other states copied California and restricted DLs for non-citizens. Now California has repealed that law as have various other states that recognize that public safety is what is important for the states. It's time for Kansas to see public safety as the priority here and pass HB 2003 for the reasons stated above.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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