

To: From: **House Insurance Committee** Shawn Steward – AAA Kansas

February 6, 2019

Re:

Support of HB 2083

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

Since its founding in 1902, AAA, the not-for-profit, fully tax-paying automobile club organization, has been the nation's leading advocate for motorists and a staunch defender of roadway safety and the safety of travelers. AAA has more than 346,000 members in Kansas. AAA Kansas would like to thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this proposed legislation.

House Bill 2083 establishes a minimum instructional threshold. While more instruction is better for safety reasons, AAA prefers a minimum of a six-hour course. However, we will support a four-hour course minimum as proposed in this bill. We do suggest two modifications to the bill so that a particular safety organization is not named in the statute, but broader references are made to a utilizing a nationallyrecognized driver training curriculum or a nationally-recognized safety organization.

We propose that the bill is revised as such:

OUR AAA REVISED LANGUAGE PROPOSED:

"...after the principal operator of the covered vehicle successfully completes a motor vehicle accident crash prevention course, of at least four hours in duration, utilizing a nationally-recognized driver training curriculum or a curriculum approved by a state or federal agency.

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