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Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of Senate Bill 87.

The City of Wichita has held several amnesty programs over the past 10 years. Our amnesty programs have sought to increase compliance with judicial orders, close court cases, resolve outstanding warrants, and assist drivers with license reinstatement.

Typically, the amnesty programs we offered placed the citizen back in the position they were in before their license was suspended and/or their court case was warranted. We didn't waive fines or court costs. However, we removed the threat of being arrested on a warrant, we waived warrant fees and collection agency fees. This essentially provided the citizen a second chance at complying with their ticket/court case without the threat of arrest or additional fees being assessed. Please note the City of Wichita Municipal Court does not charge interest on outstanding balances.

I urge your strong support for SB87.

Sincerely,

Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau