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This Letter is in support of the Senate Bill 275 for Restricted Licenses

(Request for Support of DL Bill To Expand Restricted Licenses Law in Kansas...)

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You might be surprised how easily it could happen to you, a simple parking ticket, a moving violation, a missed deadline and the fines and fees start piling up.

"I've seen people with more than \$10,000 in fines accumulated," said Sedgwick County District Court Judge Phil Journey. He spent five years running the county's traffic court. "I had one lady paid more than \$17,000 to get her privileges restored because, you know, at \$2500 a whack, it starts adding up pretty quick."

Journey has heard hundreds of stories like Daniel's. Journey says the spiral into traffic court debt often starts with a simple mistake, a missed deadline, a wrong address or a lack of funds to pay the original ticket.

"Then trying to get things straightened out is difficult. It takes specific knowledge that many people simply don't have and don't know how to find out," Journey said.

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