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Chairman Rep. Proehl  
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**Re: Testimony HB 2193 / Suspended Licenses / Written Proponent**

Thank you, Chairman Proehl and Committee for this opportunity to provide proponent testimony for HB 2193 as a member of the Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission's Reentry Subcommittee that had worked on this bill extensively.

Suspensions can keep unsafe drivers off the road but also can prevent people who haven't committed serious crimes from working, getting their children to school and getting out of debt and license suspensions stemming from court debt have an impact of driving up the jail population.

Some states are trying to reduce their numbers of debt-related license suspensions. And, Kansas should too. Kansas is ranked number five in the United States for the most suspended driver's licenses according to Insurify, a car insurance quote website. The percent of drivers with suspended/revoked license is 4.94%, out of 2,2028,657 licensed drivers, and 980,359 registered automobiles. The other nine states in ascending order are ND, OH, IA, NB, MN, IA, ID, WI and OR.

This bill would help with the waiting process and reduce some fees and give some relief to people who are trying to do the right thing and get their driver's license back and get back on their feet.

Please support passage of HB 2193 and help reduce the number of suspended driver's licenses in Kansas, and give our residents a better chance of getting out of this debt trap that a lot of them get caught up in while trying to get their drivers licenses back.

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