

Julie Hickman
President, DCT, Inc. - retired
9403 W. 148th Place
Overland Park, KS 66221

March 15, 2021

To Chair Mike Peterson and Transportation Committee

Re: Testimony Sen. Sub. HB 2166 / AKA Distinguished License Plate / Proponent

Dear Mr. Chairman. Please vote in favor of Sen. Sub. HB 2166, specifically for an Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority distinguished license plate.

Alpha Kappa Alpha is comprised of nearly 300,000 members in approximately 1,018 graduate and undergraduate chapters in the United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Liberia, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Dubai, Germany, Japan, Liberia, and South Korea. The organization is led by International President Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, and it is often hailed as “America’s premier Greek-letter organization for African American women.”

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) is an international service organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-educated women.

The purpose of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of service to all mankind.

Nationwide there are over twenty-five other states that have Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority distinctive license plates. They include Texas, Oklahoma, Illinois, Mississippi, Alabama, Virginia, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Florida, North Carolina, Arkansas, Maryland, Ohio, Delaware, Kentucky, Missouri, Maine, Michigan, California, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Statewide the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has nine membership chapters members with

hundreds of active members who are eager and willing to support and purchase the minimum quantity of 250 distinctive license plate annually. It is our hope that Kansas will join in with these other states and allow members of this well-established organization to purchase this plate and show their strong pride in their organization, support of its programs and their pride as citizens of the great state of Kansas.

Please vote to support passage of Sen. Sub. HB 2166 out of the Senate Transportation Committee favorably

Sincerely

Julie Hickman, MA HR
President, Diversity Compliance & Testing Group, Inc. - retired