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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2**

Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau  
Proponent Testimony for SB 2  
Senate Committee on Transportation

Good Morning Madam Chair Senator Kellie Warren, Vice Chair Senator Rick Wilborn, Ranking Minority Member Ethan Corson and other distinguished Members of the Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity as well as your time and attention to testify in support of Senate Bill 2. I urge your support for SB2.

A few years ago, we passed a law allowing individuals with a suspended driving license to apply for a restricted license within the Department of Revenue, in order to drive to work, school, church, court and doctor appointments while maintaining car insurance and making payments on traffic fines. The Department of Revenue\Drivers Control reports that many have applied and received a restrictive license and fines are collected locally and on the state level. And, that's a 'Win' 'Win'. However, many applicants were denied for various reasons. Therefore, I began tracking current law and I attended a Suspended Driver License Workshop as a panelist, with the Wichita Police Chief and Attorneys, along with the Racial Profiling Board and a staff person with Drivers Control who participated over the phone during the workshop and answered questions from almost 300 people in attendance. And what we discovered during the workshop was that, the main reason some individuals could not participate in the current program allowing them to receive a restricted license, was due to the "revoked" status.

This bill will include drivers with certain conditions and will help so many people affected by this issue by allowing them to drive back and forth to work, school, etc., while making payments towards their fines. It will also remove other barriers that prevent reinstatement regarding driver licenses, which you'll hear about from other conferees here today. I truly, believe that without your help, it's very unlikely that some Kansans, because of the high traffic fines that have accumulated for them over the years, they will never be able to drive legally again.

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