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TO: Kansas Senate, Committee on Transportation

RE: SB2 – Testimony in Support

Good morning, Honorable Senators,

I serve as the Court Administrator for the City of Newton, Municipal Judge in Goessel, and am a former president of the Kansas Association for Court Management. In these capacities, I have become familiar with the impact of suspended and revoked licenses. Often, the impact can become counter-productive. I would like to offer brief support SB2, expanding options for suspended drivers.

The suspended license issue directly connects to the KS Supreme Courts recommendations in their “Ad Hoc” report after Ferguson. This bill lines up nicely with the recommendations in that report, addressing cycles of poverty as well as race related concerns. The bill expands an option for drivers without a valid license, allowing them to obtain a restricted license so they can still drive to work and for other essential needs. The existing option has been wildly successful in the court system in getting people get out of trouble and on the road to self-reliance. I very much support SB2’s expansion this provision.

Regards,



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