



Senate Bill 229 Support

Written Testimony submitted to the
Senate Committee on Transportation

Zachary Surritt, Chair-Elect
Forge Young Talent

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Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

Forge Young Talent expresses its support for Senate Bill 229, which would allow Kansas drivers to obtain a City of Topeka license plate bearing the City of Topeka flag.

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The City of Topeka flag was adopted on November 12, 2019. Forge Young Talent, under the umbrella of Go Topeka and the Greater Topeka Partnership, managed and championed the community development of this new flag. It represents the growth and change you see every day in our Capitol City, as it does the history of Topeka. Each color, shape, and design you see in our flag was crafted specifically to represent how Topeka plays a part not only in the history of our state, but the history of our nation. We are so proud of the Topeka flag and the hope it gives us for the future.

Your support of Senate Bill 229 will give our residents the ability to show our pride for our great city as we travel across Kansas and the United States. As young talent look to Kansas to build their futures, they will see that our state supports the success of each of its communities. The passage of Senate Bill 229 will not just benefit the City of Topeka, it will play a part in the continued economic development of our entire state.

Your efforts to create a positive environment for the development of our community are greatly appreciated. I thank you for your time and for your support of Senate Bill 229.

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