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Chairman Petersen, Vice-Chairman Kloos, Ranking Member Corson, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of SB 359, which I've introduced in the legislature with the support of many co-sponsors. This bill would create a distinctive Kansas City Chiefs license plate.

Growing up in the Kansas City metro-area, and raising my family just 20 minutes from Arrowhead, I've been a lifelong Chiefs fan. So you can imagine my excitement when a friend who works in the Chiefs organization called me to ask me if I'd introduce a bill for a Chiefs license plate for Kansans. Of course I said yes.

Part of why I said yes is that today, it seems that issues that divide us dominate the headlines. But there's not much that unifies society more than the local sports team. Here in Kansas, it's fun to see so many Chiefs fans rooting for the team, who is now going back to the Super Bowl for the fourth time in five years after their great win on Sunday. With this bill we can have the opportunity to show our pride, so that Kansans and others on our roadways can see that we're supporting this fantastic team. Someone from the Chiefs would be here today to tell you more, but they clearly have a very important Super Bowl LVIII game ten days from now to prepare for!

The Kansas City Chiefs unify us, on both sides of the state line, from all walks of life, of all ages and political backgrounds. Surprisingly, out of all the distinctive license plates Kansas offers, we don't currently have a Kansas City Chiefs plate. Well, given we were sent here to solve problems, that's an easy one to fix! The bill before you today has a long list of bipartisan co-sponsors and will give every Chiefs fan in Kansas the opportunity to show off their membership in Chiefs Kingdom.

Thank you to the Kansas City Chiefs for bringing this bill idea to me, and to everyone who has been supportive of it.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm happy to stand for any questions, and go, Chiefs!