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**Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee
In Support of SB2
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Chair Warren and Committee Members,

Our associations support SB2 as presented.

Over the past few years, our associations have testified on several versions of bills attempting to address concerns with the provisions of KSA 8-2110 involving suspension of driver's licenses for failure to appear and failure to pay related to traffic violations. We have been steadfast in strongly insisting such a bill needs meet several key objectives:

1. Any leniency on suspended driver's licenses must be directed only at those licenses suspended solely for fail to pay or fail to appear as provided in KSA 8-2110.
2. It is critical that the penalties for licenses suspended as habitual violators, DUI, failure of alcohol test related to a DUI, hit and run, vehicular homicide, attempt to elude, no insurance, and other serious violations must remain unchanged.
3. There must remain a level of driver's license suspension and restrictions for fail to pay and fail to appear to get people to comply with their traffic citations and related court appearance and fines. This is the last tool we have available to hold traffic offenders accountable other than collections actions.
4. We have supported modifications to the current laws limited only to those suspended solely under KSA 8-2110 and are on the path to do the right thing with their cases.

To be clear, we know there are some who would like to add to what this bill does. If things are added to this bill that do not meet the four criteria above, we would withdraw our support of the bill.

SB2 meets all of these objectives. It provides:

- An avenue to obtain a restricted license while suspended solely under KSA 8-2110.
- This supports those trying to do the right thing by allowing them to drive to and from work and other critical destinations provided they are working to get right with the court on their fines. These restrictions are similar to what is provided in other statutes.
- It provides the division of vehicles must revoke the restricted status if the license is later suspended for a serious violation or set of violations.
- It still provides a sanction for failing to pay fines or failing to appear in court when directed, while encouraging compliance with court requirements related to their citations.

In our opinion, SB2 is limited to achieving the stated objectives. We encourage you to recommend it favorably for passage as presented.

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