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RE: SB2

Senator Petersen and Honorable Member of this Committee,

I have been thrilled to work with Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Senator Petersen and many others from both sides of the political isle for a number of years to bring to fruition the bill allowing those with suspended driver's licenses an opportunity to have a restricted driver's license as long as they paid on their fines and have proof of registration and insurance. I was there when Governor Kelly signed this bill into law in Wichita in July 2021 that went a long way toward allowing approximately 200,000 Kansans to become productive law-abiding citizens. The only regret that I had then, and now, is that there are many who have had multiples offenses for driving on a suspended license putting their driver's license in revoked status who were not eligible to have this same opportunity to pay on their fines and drive again legally.

From my observation, these have always been the people who needed this the most because of their exorbitant fines that had to be paid in one lump sum. If this was possible, most of these individuals would have paid their fines so they could provide for themselves and their families, versus become a burden on them, and liability for the state driving uninsured vehicles. I believe that SB2 is the last measure that would make the original bill serve all of the people it should serve, and many of those that need this the most. I cannot express how much I appreciate Senator Petersen holding these hearings and all of the Committee Members for your serious consideration and deliberation of SB2. I fully support the passage of this bill and would be honored to provide further testimony on this at a later date. I am sorry I could not make the necessary last-minute arrangements to be there in person but I will be there in spirit as you hear this bill as this has been something I have been passionate about since 2008. Thank you all for these hearings and your serious consideration of SB2.

Respectfully,

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