

KANSAS IGNITION INTERLOCK ASSN.

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To: Chairman Owens and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

From: Matt Strausz, President Kansas Ignition Interlock Association

RE: Support of SB 7

Thank you, Chairman and members of the committee for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of SB7. SB7 as proposed strengthens Kansas DUI laws.

As an association for the Ignition Interlock industry we support the language in SB7 as it pertains to the ignition interlock requirements. As data from other states has shown, requiring ignition interlock on all DUI offenses saves lives. Ignition Interlock for all offenses has been credited with reducing alcohol related fatalities up to 37% in other states. If enacted, we feel this language will show similar results in Kansas.

Members of our association have locations statewide. There is currently no area of the state where service is not available within a reasonable distance. There are currently over 100 service centers throughout the state to install and service ignition interlock devices. Service is currently available to all residents of the state.

Ignition Interlock technology has evolved incredibly over the past few years. Interlock devices are currently able to accurate accounting of its use, provide picture verification of who is taking the test, communicate results wirelessly relating to violations, set curfew limits and prevent the vehicle from starting for any period after an alcohol related test. Most Ignition Interlock devices are alcohol specific, fuel cell devices. This technology is the same technology, and accuracy, being used in breath testing equipment by our law enforcement. This allows for evidentiary quality testing, with photo identification to back it up.

Ignition Interlock devices can be installed on any year, make and model of vehicle. Gas, Hybrid and Electric vehicles can all be installed on safely. There is no vehicle that we have run into as an industry that we have not been able to properly install upon. While cost of the Ignition Interlock devices is quite low, at just over \$2.00/day, this bill also addresses the indigent funding. The ignition interlock indigent fund has been in place for many years, and we feel that increasing the knowledge of the program as prescribed will benefit all in need.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony to your committee. I will be happy to stand for any questions, at the appropriate time.

Respectfully,



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President Kansas Ignition Interlock Association

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