

March 15, 2017

Testimony in Support of SB140

Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee

Honorable Chair – Senator Caryn Tyson

Vice Chair – Senator Dan Kerschen

Ranking Minority – Senator Tom Holland

Honorable Committee Members

Good morning Madam Chairman and other esteemed Senators of the Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of Senate Bill number 140 offering non-profit status to the Active Aging newsletter and the Kansas DUI Impact Center.

Active Aging was created in response to the Older Americans Act of 1965 to supply information pertinent to seniors. Its stories cover health information, safety tips, events, activities and legislation that affect seniors. It also offers feature stories about seniors. Its primary income is from advertising and tax-deductible donations, plus a small grant from the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging. The newspaper is struggling. It functions one hiccup away from closure. A sales-tax exemption would add about \$1000/month to the bottom line and stabilize the future of this community service to the senior population of south-central Kansas.

The Kansas DUI Impact Center provides education to persons found guilty of drunk driving if they are placed on diversion. The courts may send defendants to the Kansas DUI Impact Center for a presentation on the consequences of drunk driving.

The DUI Impact Center provides services for citizens throughout the State of Kansas, yet they do not receive government funding. The center has a positive impact on the defendants and the lives of family members who have lost their loved ones by the act of drunk driving, and this bill can be conducive to their progress.

Thank you for your time, and I would appreciate your consideration of Passing SB140.

Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau

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