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**Testimony to House Transportation Committee
In Support of SB275
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Rep. Proehl and Committee Members,

Our associations support SB275 as amended by the Senate. To be clear we opposed the original bill but worked with several parties to create the amendments that were adopted.

Before addressing the bill contents, it is important to explain that the suspension action for failure to pay or failure to appear is an important tool to hold traffic offenders accountable for their offenses. Absent this tool our only method to hold these offenders accountable is through a collection process which can result in a damaged credit history that will affect the offender and their family for years and result in only pennies on the dollar being collected for the courts. We strongly support retaining the suspension process for this purpose and oppose any effort to eliminate it.

We agree there is room to make changes to make the law remain an effective tool but to address unnecessary burdens on the people involved. The provision to allow for suspended drivers to operate a vehicle in limited circumstances through a restricted driver's license status is a good provision in existing law.

The original bill would have eliminated the entire Section 1, subsection (b) found on page 2 lines 3-8. This subsection applies to all suspensions including those involving hazardous driving including DUI, vehicular homicide, habitual violator, etc. The amendment adding the language found on page 2, lines 8-19 continues that extension of the suspension period for those serious violations, while removing any extension of a suspension for fail to appear or fail to pay the fine.

We also support the deletion on page 4, lines 23-25, which as we understand would remove limitations on allowing the restricted driving options. However, in discussions with Department of Revenue, we believe this language could be clarified to fulfill the intent, which is to assure a person under suspension for fail to appear or fail to pay remains eligible for the restricted license status even if there license expires during the suspension period.

With the amendments made by the House, as summarized above, we support SB275 and urge you to move the bill favorably for passage.

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