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**Testimony to the Senate Transportation Committee
In Support of HB2245**

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Chairman Petersen and Committee Members:

Our associations support HB2245. The bill would create a voluntary process for holders of a Kansas drivers license or ID card to add emergency contact information to the state system.

Notification of family members in cases of severe injury or death is a common task of law enforcement. Identifying who to contact and the contact information can often be a daunting task. The notifications may be delayed as we search for the contact information. This can be critical for medical care authorizations, especially for a juvenile.

The proposed program would be strictly voluntary on the part of the individual license or ID holder. [Section 1, subsection (c), page 1, lines 24-32] It also provides limited access to the information. [Section 1, subsection (b), page 1 lines 16-23]

Several states have implemented similar programs. Here are some examples:

- Kentucky: <https://apps.transportation.ky.gov/emergencynotice/>
- Florida: <https://services.flhsmv.gov/eci/>
- Illinois: <https://cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/drivers/ECD/home.html>
- Colorado: <https://www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/resource-sharing/state-pubs-blog/add-emergency-contacts-to-your-drivers-license-record/>
- Ohio: <https://www.bmv.ohio.gov/dl-other-next-kin.aspx#gsc.tab=0>
- New Jersey: <https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/drivertopics/nextofkin.htm>

We understand there would be an implementation cost, which appears to be minimal and a one-time cost. However, this would be an important service to those Kansans choosing to use it if they experience an event that will be traumatic for them and their families.

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