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Testimony in Support of SB181

## Senate Transportation Committee

**Honorable Chair – Senator Mike Peterson**  
**Vice Chair – Senator John Doll**  
**Ranking Minority – Senator Pat Pettey**  
**Honorable Committee Members**

I am very pleased that you are promoting a bill that allows people with a suspended license to find amnesty for some of the fees that keep them from reinstating their licenses. A driver's license is essential in Kansas, particularly when you live in rural areas where there are few alternative ways to get places. Being without wheels is more than a hardship...it can be the end of your way of life.

In 2009 my daughter's car was broadsided by another car that came out of the fog. When all was said and done, my daughter lost her license because she had been driving without insurance. (She had not known it had lapsed.)

It took my daughter SEVEN years to get her license back because she had no reliable way to get to work. Many times she was unemployed and on welfare for months. Fees and penalties grew way beyond the original fines. She had to pay a little at a time until all debts were covered.

My daughter lost her license. She lost her job, she lost her apartment and she lost her car. She and her daughter had to move into my home. I live 90 miles from Kansas City; 60 miles from Topeka. There is no public transportation for someone who lives in a rural county and there are few jobs within walking distance. If my daughter got to work it was because I drove her there and I stayed in town all day so I could drive her home. We were away from home so many hours, that her daughter was being left unattended too long. We had to take the girl out of school so she could travel with us. The public library became a classroom where she was homeschooled.

An amnesty program that stopped the punishing fees from accumulating would have returned my daughter to the workforce much quicker. Thank you so much for considering this bill. Please make it a law!

Sincerely,



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