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Testimony In Support of Senate Bill 2

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I'm writing in support of Senate Bill 2. Senate Bill 2 provides a path for a citizen with a revoked driver's license to request restricted driving privileges while waiting on their driver's license to be reinstated. As the Executive Director of a local medical group, I personally saw the impact to a family when one parent has a revoked license.

The employee was a young working mom of two young children. She worked as a billing clerk in the medical office near Wesley Medical Center. The family lived in Andover because that was where they found the cheapest rent. She was the only working parent because her husband had a revoked driver's license. His "job" was to stay home and take care of the kids. Even though the husband had a revoked license he took chances driving without a license and sometimes he would get caught. One reason he had to drive was to take the children to Dr. appointments. As the oldest reached school age, the child had to get to and from school. Even though our PTO benefits were good, the employee did not always have PTO to get the children to where they needed to be. I understood from the employee that each time her husband was caught another year was added to the term before he could get his license. When I left that organization, it was going to be a few years before her husband was eligible to get a license.

Without the second income the family was living in poverty. I remember her telling me that the roof, in the house they rented, was so bad they could see light through the ceiling. This was particularly problematic when it rained.

Please consider that voting for Senate Bill 2 will help many families who suffer when a parent or caregiver is unable to provide transportation to buy groceries, see a doctor, or take children to school in inclement weather. A vote "For" Senate Bill 2 will increase the family income for some Kansas families when the parent with revoked license can once again drive to and from work.

Thank you for considering this testimony

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