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My name is Derek Harvey. I am here in support of HB 2506. I originally lost my class C license due to not acting in a timely manner on a couple minor traffic infractions which in turn led me to driving while suspended and no proof of insurance convictions and eventually to driving while revoked. I have since taken care of all of those citations and convictions but it has left me with a 3 year revocation of my license. I am not here to ask for forgiveness but to tell my story. Once I had paid the last of my fines I had called Driver Control in Topeka and a Wichita Police substation and asked about whether it would be against the law for me to ride a motorized bicycle since my class C was revoked and was told that as long as it was under 50cc's I didn't have to have a license. After making those calls and doing some research I didn't find anything online that said you had to have a license but just the opposite was advertised and so I bought two motorized bicycle's one for me and one for my wife as she also is in the same situation. We both have since been pulled over several times and we eventually was cited for driving while revoked and driving while suspended and was shown the K.S.A. 8-235. I again started to call around to the state and police stations and that is when I began to get different interpretations of the law, even within the same departments. Everything from I didn't have to have a license to yes you did to this restricted class c license for a motorized bicycle. I started researching the issue and that is when I came across the 2011 session of SB 34. I eventually got the prosecutor to dismiss our tickets but found we were still not eligible for the restricted license as were both are revoked.

I was told by a higher ranking state official that unfortunately we would be better off to get a D.U.I. as we are being punished for the same severity level as one and that they believed that it wasn't right that we weren't eligible for a restricted license since none of our charges or convictions were not based around any alcohol.

I work almost 6 miles from my house and have a family to support. I also have a spinal condition that requires me to go to the Dr. frequently which is about 11 miles from my house. I can't always depend on someone to take me somewhere and the nearest bus stop is a mile and

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half but then the bus doesn't go into the suburb I work in. So that left me wondering how I am supposed to get to the doctor, work, to go to the store so I can put food on our table? I have ridden year round including winter since I have gotten the motorized bicycle so that I can try and get my regular class C reinstated once my revocation period is over since it appears to be the lesser of the traffic charges.

What you have heard is just one story I'm sure there is many more like it. I have ridden past the Sedgwick County Work release facility on Sundays and you will see that there is sometimes as many as 10-15 motorized bicycles parked out front. I personally knew of someone that was incarcerated for a habitual DUI violator and was allowed to ride to and from the facility with a revoked Class C. I don't believe they are all DUI offenders that ride them in there but someone may be where I once was. I believe allowing a person with a revoked license to have the restricted license would be beneficial for overall for the state as it would lessen the court caseload and would provide the state a little more funding with the license fee not to mention helping those that have lost their license another opportunity of transportation to get to work, school, counseling, and court ordered obligations etc.

I also believe by passing this bill into law would benefit the public as it would require anyone operating one to take the written and visual exam to obtain the license and another aspect of them is their green benefit to the earth as they are regulated by the federal government on exhaust emissions.

Thank you for allowing me to speak in front of you and tell my story.