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I am writing to encourage support of HB 2417 which would extend the renewal period of drivers licenses for those turning 21 years old in the state of Kansas.

Many of our young people are away at college or even traveling when they turn 21. My son Michael was in Arizona on his birthday. He went out to a bar with some friends and when he showed his ID along with the paper that he was told to show saying his license was still good, the bartender refused to serve him and asked if he printed paper off his computer.

My daughter, Stephanie, was serving at a Young Life Camp in Michigan when she turned 21. She was very nervous about driving on an expired license (with the piece of paper Kansas says to carry). She knew if she would be pulled over she would likely get a ticket for driving with an expired license. She also was flying during that time and could have been refused for not having valid ID.

I understand that changing the license from horizontal to a vertical read makes it easy to tell how old someone is but expiring exactly on their birthday is impractical for many people. Please allow our young people to stay legal by extending the expiration.

Thank you,  
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