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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 143

**Senate Transportation Committee**

*Chairman, Senator Mike Petersen*

*Vice Chair, Senator Dan Goddard*

*Ranking member, Senator Pat Petty*

*Committee Members*

Greetings Chairman and members of the Committee.

I appreciate the opportunity you have given to speak about SB 143.

This is an important issue for many of the citizens I serve who have made a mistake or two that has resulted in their license being revoked.

I have received many calls from citizens looking to be responsible in paying their debt to society, but also realizing the struggles of public transportation here in Wichita. Many of these individuals want to work to pay their debts both monetarily and with some form of punishment, but revoking is making it hard for them to recover from their mistakes.

I am aware that not every revocation would be eligible, and I tend to not disagree with that. I do believe a little more help would go a long way in ensuring that the individuals reaching out to me could get to work to provide for their families and pay their debts, get to school to further their education, and lastly worship with fellow believers in finding ways to recover from their past mistakes.

This “hand up” has been wonderful for individuals with suspended driver’s licenses and I know it can be yet another way we are empowering individuals to be responsible in the state of Kansas.

I would simply ask that you support giving more Kansans an opportunity to work toward receiving full privileges back.

Thank you for your time,

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