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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB143

The Senate on Ethics, Elections and Local Government:

Chair: Senator Mike Peterson

Vice-Chair: Senator Dan Goddard

Ranking Minority Member: Senator Pat Pettey

Senator Kevin Braun, Senator Tom Hawk, Senator Elaine Bowers, Senator Randall Hardy, Senator John Skubal, Senator Ty Masterson, Senator Richard Hilderbrand and Senator Caryn Tyson

Good Morning Mr. Chairman and other distinguished Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 143.

SB143 allows individuals with suspended and revoked drivers licenses, due to unpaid traffic violation fines, to submit an application with a \$25 non-refundable fee to the division of vehicles. Upon approval, applicants receive a restricted driver's license and are allowed to drive to work so they can make wages to pay their fines. It also allows them to obtain insurance and drive legally. This bill is a win-win for everyone.

Unfortunately, some individuals whose licenses were expired, suspended or revoked were not applicable. This bill seeks to close that loophole and allow the bill to be implemented as intended.

Thank you for your time and attention. I urge you to support SB-143

Sincerely,

Oletha Faust-Goudeau

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