



# RACIAL PROFILING ADVISORY BOARD OF WICHITA



## Testimony in Support of HB2193 as Amended

Presented by Sheila Officer, Chair Racial Profiling Advisory Board

I would like for you to imagine, driving down the street, possibly going to the grocery store when you pass a body of water. As you pass, you suddenly hear a desperate, frantic cry” Help, help! Instinctively, you stop, get out of your car, where you notice someone in the water, drowning, going under several times! As an instinct, as a way and means of SAVING LIFE, you find something, and some way to throw this person out a “*LIFELINE*”. Remember that term, *LIFELINE*.

***You just saved that person from death.***

***For all practical reasons included in HB2193 as AMENDED, it is a LIFELINE to some 249,000 Kansans drowning, and frantically calling out for your help!***

***As a mother, grandmother who occasionally assists her grandchildren with transportation to doctor appointments, sports events, grocery runs I cannot imagine being without a valid driver’s license. I support HB2193 as AMENDED, as it gives relief to Kansans, and help save thousands of drowning families!***

**AS AMENDED- HB2193.**

- a. ***Allows for the immediate reinstatement of drivers’ license once conditions are satisfied.***
- b. ***Allows for the original traffic citation, court costs to be accessed, without stacking numerous, fines and fees of reinstatement based on the number of cases.***
- c. ***Allows Kansans the opportunity to apply community service work or educational driving courses towards court fines, fees, and tickets.***
- d. ***Allows Kansans the opportunity to call the Clerk’s Office, enter a plea without having to appear in court, arrange an agreeable payment plan, without having their license suspended.***

***Can you imagine being a mother, father, grandmother who daily does not have access to viable, legal, dependable transportation to work, school, daycare, grocery store, Just the basics of life! And WHY? Not because you are a risk to road safety but because you are forced into a “Debt Suspension System”, based on your inability to pay fines, fees, court costs. Driving is a CRITICAL component of daily life! There are 249,000 Kansans who would attest to that.***

***Suspending a driver’s license should be used to keep unsafe drivers off the road, not as a “debt collection tool.” Because in all practicality, NO amount of coercion can extract money from people who do not have the money to give! Let’s do the humane thing here! HB2193 as Amended offers humane, sensible ways to address traffic tickets, parking tickets, court costs, and fees. Please, throw out the LIFELINE to the 249,000 Kansans desperately waiting for a Lifeline! I urge and request this legislative body to support and pass HB 2193 in its AMENDED form. Thank you.***

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