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Written Testimony in Support of HB 2467
House Committee on Transportation

Chair Francis, Vice Chair Essex, Ranking Member Helgerson and Members of the House Committee on Transportation,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. I write today in support of House Bill 2467, which would carry out the intent of SB 500 passed two sessions ago and allow many Kansans the opportunity to get back to work.

As you know, SB 500 was passed in 2024 with the intent of helping Kansans escape from a cycle of license suspensions by including K.S.A. 8-2110(h), a five-year cap on failure to comply suspensions. However, the language in section (h) did not accomplish the legislature's intended purpose. This new bill fixes that issue by adding the word *sanction*. This effort to fix the language to arrive at the intended result is a tremendous example of good lawmaking in action.

Under current law, low-income Kansans have a monumental burden to overcome their inability to afford a traffic citation. Once their license has been suspended, they often have no way to commute to work in order to make the money to pay off their traffic fines and fees. This leads to more tickets as individuals will often run the risk of driving in order to continue working and supporting their families.

HB 2467 offers a reprieve—one that was already intended by the legislature—to this struggle. It does this—not by offering a free pass to those who want to take advantage of the system—but by capping their license suspension for failure to comply for only five-years. It does not waive any fines or fees, individuals will continue to be responsible for paying all debt owed to municipal and county governments for past traffic infractions. It does not remove the consequence of failing to comply, as individuals will still have their licenses suspended for five years. Instead, it provides a narrowly tailored path to Kansans who have followed the law by staying off the roads while their license was suspended.

I urge you to support HB 2467 to help Kansans get back to work and to fully carry out the intent of the legislature when SB 500 was previously passed.

Thank you for your time,