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Chair Shannon Francis
House Transportation Committee

RE: Senate Bill 130-Proponent (Oral Testimony)

Dear Committee:

Thank you Committee for the opportunity to speak as a proponent for Senate Bill 130. When I entered law enforcement as a Sheriff's Deputy in Wyandotte County way back in 1974, one of the first things I received was a handbook with all types of information. In the subject matter of patrol we learned how to recognize different county designations by the two letter codes on license plates. We committed those to memory.

In a region such as the metropolitan Kansas City area, knowing if a vehicle was local or one of the adjoining counties was important. Traffic control on the turnpike and interstate roads through our jurisdiction also required knowing these designations. It is an immediate and helpful code for law enforcement officers who have to make quick decisions when making stops and handling the public.

These county designations are as important in 2023 as they were when I started many years ago. My son manages the traffic unit for the Lenexa PD and just yesterday discussed with me how these simple two letter designations are beneficial in law enforcement on the roads today.

I would strongly support requiring the county designations on Kansas license plates in 2023.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rep. Tim Johnson".

Rep. Tim Johnson
Retired Undersheriff/Chief of Police

Lenexa Police Department Traffic Unit

At this week's City Council meeting, the Lenexa Police Department Traffic Safety Unit was awarded its 7th consecutive Platinum Award for Community Traffic Safety by the Kansas Department of Transportation. Factors for earning this award include:

- Community outreach and education on traffic safety issues.
- Collaboration with engineering and roads departments.
- Enforcement of seatbelt laws, speed controls, distracted and impaired driving.



Corp. Swede Johnson
(With Award)