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Dear Chair Warren, Vice Chair Wilborn, Ranking Minority Member Corson, and Committee members:

I am writing on behalf of the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners in support of SB 500 which would expand the list of qualifying circumstances during which a vehicle may be operated with a restricted driver's license.

SB 500 would allow individuals whose driving privileges are restricted for failure to comply with a traffic citation to transport their children to and from school or child care. Parents with restricted drivers' licenses must be able to take their children to school without the fear that doing so will result in further negative consequences for their driving status.

Further, SB 500 would amend Kansas statute with regards to the automatic suspension of a driver's license for failure to comply with a traffic citation. This bill would allow for qualifying drivers to have their license automatically restricted rather than automatically suspended for failure to comply with a traffic citation. This change would likely result in a staggering number of Kansans avoiding the vicious cycle of a suspended driver's license each year.

In short, SB 500 is a small but necessary step in reforming Kansas law as it relates to suspended and restricted drivers' licenses.

Thank you for considering our testimony in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Baty".

Ryan Baty, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County