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Proponent Testimony to the  
Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance  
House Bill No. 2047  
Matt Blassingame, State Chair of the Legislative Committee  
Kansas State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police  
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Chairperson Dietrich and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer written testimony in support of House Bill 2047.

My name is Matt Blassingame, and I am testifying today as State Chair of the Legislative Committee for the Kansas State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police, which represents more than 4,200 law enforcement officers throughout the state. I am a Sergeant with the Topeka Police Department where I have been a law enforcement officer for over 15 years.

Verifying motorist insurance presents challenges. It is not uncommon for the proof of insurance card presented to a law enforcement officer at a traffic stop or motor vehicle accident to later be determined invalid. Upon payment of the initial insurance premium an auto owner will be provided with a proof of insurance verification card. It is possible that the motorist presents the insurance verification card to a law enforcement officer when the policy is canceled. In the field, an officer cannot verify whether the motorist is insured or not.

The proposal set forth in House Bill 2047 would establish an online motor vehicle insurance verification system. The online motor vehicle insurance verification system would provide law enforcement officers with up-to-date information from insurers to securely authenticate proof of insurance. Law enforcement officers working in the field would benefit from this timely information.

The Kansas State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police appreciates that Commissioner Schmidt brought forward this critical and necessary web-based program to establish real-time online motor vehicle insurance verification. The committee is encouraged to favorably advance House Bill 2047.

Thank you for allowing my testimony today and I am pleased to answer questions at the appropriate time.