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I am here today as a Legislator and a Citizen of Kansas that has logged many miles on the Kansas Roads since moving here in 1981.

I am asking for your support for House Bill (H.B.) 2164, which would require motorist approaching a parked or stranded vehicle on the road-side, with flashing operating and people present, to take the same precautions as required when they approach an emergency vehicle on the road side.

In other words, HB2164 would require the individual motorist to “Move Over” to the other lane if available on a 4-lane highway or other 4-lane roads in the State of Kansas when approaching a stranded vehicle.

This statute is a common sense approach that should be taken in such a situation, but does NOT happen all too often.

For example, on February 18, 2019 I struck a deer on the Kansas Turnpike in route to Topeka. The vehicle directly behind me, also struck the same deer. We both pulled over to assess the situation and call for State Troopers to report the incident. During the approx. 1 hour on the road side with flashers on and several people present, only about 20% of the vehicles passing, actually moved over to the left lane. These vehicles were approaching us at around 80MPH and seemed to have no cares as they approached an accident seen with people out and about on foot. It was not until Troopers showed up that people finally started to “Move Over” and respect what was happening.

This was a very dangerous situation, that could have turned much worse!

I would appreciate your support on HB2164 as provided and I am happy to take any questions.