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To: Senate Committee on Judiciary
From: Lacey Black, Manager, Kansas Division of Vehicles
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RE: Senate Bill 500

Thank you, Madam Chair and members of the committee, for the opportunity to provide testimony today as a proponent for Senate Bill 500. I am Lacey Black, the manager of Driver Solutions with the Division of Vehicles. Driver Solutions is the department responsible for receiving and processing applications and issuing restricted driving privileges mentioned in this bill.

The first change mentioned in this bill is bypassing suspension on a person who would otherwise be eligible for the restricted license pursuant to KSA 8-2110. What this would mean for the department, is when a notification is received from the court that someone has a failure to comply, the record would be reviewed and if they meet the requirements, they will be issued a 60-day restriction. If compliance is not met within that 60-day period, a suspension will go into effect. The department sees no issue with automatically issuing the restricted privileges instead of leaving it up to the person to go through the application process, which does not have a fee associated with it.

This bill would also open the eligibility for the restricted license to a group of drivers who have not been eligible in the past. Currently, if a driver is in a revoked status for any reason, they are automatically denied for restricted driving privileges. Opening this restriction up to assist more drivers to get back on the road would be beneficial to those currently on a three-year revocation with no option to drive. There are currently around 3,300 drivers who could potentially qualify for a restricted license with this bill passing.

This bill is very specific to the scenario this change would impact. The revoked drivers who would be made eligible would be those who were suspended only due to failure to comply with a traffic citation and then were driving on that suspended license.

If there is open communication between the department and the Municipal and District Courts to assure the correct information is being submitted, KDOR will be able to successfully implement these changes.

Thank you,
Lacey Black
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