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From: Donna Pearson McClish, CEO

**To: Senate Transportation Chairman Petersen, Vice-Chair Claeys,
Ranking Minority Member Hawks and Committee members.**

RE: Testimony in Support of SB100 as Amended

As an employer in the state of Kansas, I would ask each of you to urgently consider the need to work and pass the amendment to SB 100. Without it, nearly 200,000 drivers will still not be able to drive legally on a restricted license until all of their fines, fees and court costs have been paid. Only then will they qualify to have their Reinstatement Fees reduced. In most cases, these additional “driving on suspended” \$1,500 fines are so overwhelming that thousands of drivers have no hope of ever having enough money to get their license reinstated so they just keep driving to survive.

As an employer who is expanding services throughout the state of Kansas, I feel it is critical to enable those who want to start fresh be given the opportunity to do so. Because Common Ground is a mobile market and food hub, I am always looking for competent and dependable drivers and delivery personnel. Passage of this amendment would certainly boost the opportunities for Common Ground to hire within the communities we serve. **The amendment will allow all drivers who have had their license suspended due to non-payment of a traffic fine to drive legally while they are paying those fines by installments, doing community service or by having their fines and reinstatement fees reduced or waived by the Court. Thank you for your consideration of the importance of SB100.**

Best regards,

Donna Pearson McClish

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Common Ground Mobile Farmer's Market
“All Are Fed, No One Is Hungry!”

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