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The Honorable Scott J. Newman
Chair, Transportation Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 3105

The Honorable Mary Kiffmeyer
Chair, State Government Finance and Policy and Elections Committee
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 3103

The Honorable Frank Hornstein
Chair, Transportation Finance and Policy Committee
State Office Building, Room 545

The Honorable V. Michael Nelson
Chair, State Government Finance and Elections Committee
State Office Building, Room 585

RE: Reintegration Driver's License bill
Senate File 4458 (Osmek), House File 4571 (Pinto)
Included in House File 4293, 3rd Engrossment, Article 13, Section 37

Dear Chair Newman, Chair Hornstein, Chair Kiffmeyer, Chair Nelson, and Conferees,

My name is Erick Washington, I am the founder of Kings Men Group LLC. I am a mentor for Minnesota Reentry Court. I mentor high risk offenders coming out of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. I find one of the biggest challenges for these men is not having the proper credentials for driving. What

I see is a vicious cycle of driving offenses due to the fact that these people do not have valid driver licenses; which keeps them from being able to get better employment opportunities.

Individuals that I mentor all served many years of incarceration and all of them had to go through many obstacles to get the information on how obtain their license.

Many of these people are still without the information needed due to several obstacles such as: High cost of fines, complexity of getting their information from other states, difficulty of reintegrating into society.

I know that one of the biggest reasons of violating their supervised release is a failed traffic stop.

Therefore, I am in favor of the legislation and support of the Reintegration License Legislation

Thank you!!

Erick Washington