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Chair Williamson and Members of the Committee,

I write in enthusiastic support for House Bill 2614, which would end the practice of suspending driver licenses due to an inability to pay fines.

The current law is not rooted in legitimate public safety concerns, nor does it make our roads any safer. Rather, it disproportionately punishes people based on their economic status and deprives them of the very transportation they need for work or family obligations. It can also give rise to a cycle of debt from which it is impossible to escape. This is simply a law that lacks common sense.

I want to thank the Legislature's willingness to tackle this issue head on, as well as its other efforts to reverse the effects of the "War on Crime"; which has too often been waged against the poor and communities of color. The thousands of collateral consequences that arise from involvement in the criminal justice system are overly punitive, and I applaud your efforts to create a fairer justice system.

Sincerely,

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