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Chairman Jennings and committee members, thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in support of HB 2192. My name is Spence Koehn and I am the Court Services Specialist for the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA).

Currently, K.S.A. 8-246 allows offenders under Kansas Department of Corrections supervision to obtain a certificate of identification from a supervision officer to assist in obtaining a replacement driver's license. HB 2192 would allow court services officers and community corrections officers to issue similar certificates to offenders under supervision by those entities. Lack of a driver's license could be a barrier to addressing an offender's risks and needs. An ID can be important for accessing the resources needed to address the risk, which in turn could assist in reducing an offender's risk of recidivism. OJA asks that the committee pass HB 2192 favorably.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony to the committee.