



Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Re: Support for HB 2682

Dear Members of the House Committee on Transportation Policy,

As family members of loved ones killed on Oregon's streets, we support HB 2682 which authorizes cities and counties, by process established by rule, to establish designated speed for certain highways without first seeking approval from Department of Transportation.

We also would like to see this bill go further in allowing the City of Portland and other jurisdictions to also lower speed limits on arterials designated as high crash corridors.

Oregon and SW Washington Families for Safe Streets is comprised of victims of traffic violence and families whose loved ones have been killed or severely injured by aggressive or reckless driving and dangerous conditions in Oregon and SW Washington.

We bear witness to our pain and suffering by working toward the elimination of fatalities and injuries on our streets. We envision communities where pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles safely co-exist, and children and adults can travel freely without risk of harm – where no loss of life in traffic is acceptable.

Speed kills. We commend Representative Nosse for putting forward this bill that gives the City of Portland a valuable tool in lowering speed limits to make streets safer. We also want to acknowledge that the bill as written would not affect many of the streets where our loved ones lost their lives as most were killed on streets designated as arterials.

We support HB 2682 and ask that local control to lower speed limits extend to our high crash corridors where reducing speeds will have an even greater impact in saving other families from the great loss we have suffered in losing our loved ones to traffic violence.

On behalf of Oregon and SW Washington Families for Safe Streets, we thank you for work to increase safety on our roadways and ask you to go further.

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