

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

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RE: Opposition to SB1510 (Page #2)

Headline: Traffic Stops for minor traffic violation saves kidnap victim.

Synopsis: Senate Bill 1510 removes the ability for Law Enforcement to conduct traffic stops for certain violations in the hopes to address racial disparity. The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission recently released traffic stop data showing possible disparities and the OCJC was not ready to make a recommendation at this time merely saying the data required “further analysis.” (*“Researchers, however, only called for further scrutiny of data that showed disparities in two or more statistical models; OPB”*) Traffic stops time and time again have been proven to be a valuable tool for road safety, pedestrian safety, and crime fighting. Below, and attached in other written testimony you will see the result of successful criminal investigations due to minor infraction traffic stops.

- **Police officer in Georgia stops vehicle for broken taillight and saves kidnap victim in the trunk.**
 - **03/14/2017** (<https://www.crimeonline.com/2017/03/14/attempted-traffic-stop-leads-to-alleged-kidnapping-victim/>)

The screenshot shows the top of a web page with a blue header containing the 'CRIMEONLINE' logo and navigation links for 'Crime Stories Podcast', 'Crime Scene Photos', 'Cold Cases', 'Missing', and 'Nan'. Below the header is a red banner with the text 'Who are the most wanted criminals in America? Click Here'. The main content area features a large black headline: 'Broken tail light leads cops to kidnap victim stuffed in trunk'. Below the headline is a byline: 'by Ellen Killoran March 14, 2017' next to a small profile picture. There are two social media share buttons: a blue 'Share' button with a Facebook icon and a blue 'Tweet' button with a Twitter icon. The article text begins with 'The suspects are also accused of armed robbery'. The first paragraph reads: 'A traffic stop turned police chase ended with the rescue of a kidnapping victim and two suspected armed robbers accused of holding him captive.' The second paragraph reads: 'According to [The Macon Telegraph](#), when an officer tried to stop a Toyota Celica in Macon, Georgia, for a broken tail light, the driver refused to pull over. After a high speed chase, the car stopped and Raul Sanchez-Gonzalez ran from it — but two deputies chased him on foot and arrested him. The officers both suffered leg injuries, including a broken ankle.' The third paragraph reads: 'In the car were Sanchez's alleged accomplice, India Denise Summers, and Corey Berkner, who reportedly told officers that Sanchez and Summers had forced him into the car at gunpoint and demanded he withdraw cash from multiple bank locations. When police found him, he was reportedly in the trunk.' The fourth paragraph reads: 'The alleged kidnapping victim appears to have been previously acquainted with Summers, as he told officers that he had planned to meet her at a Rodeway Inn. Not long after he arrived, Sanchez allegedly pulled a gun on him and forced him into the backseat.' The fifth paragraph reads: 'Sanchez reportedly had outstanding arrest warrants related to armed robbery. Both suspects were taken into custody and charged with armed robbery and kidnapping.' The sixth paragraph reads: 'The Bibb County Sheriff's office has urged anyone with information on the case to contact them at 478-751-7500.'

Recommendation: Oppose SB1510

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