



**PROTECTING YOUR  
RIGHT TO ROAM**

March 9th, 2023

RE: SB615

Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing with general support of SB615, but with a suggestion for a modification. While street racing is both extremely dangerous and highly damaging to the environment (not just the physical environment, but the social environment through noise, fear, and disruption), simply increasing the potential fines and jail time is a brute force instrument.

Rather, I encourage the committee to look at the suspension of licenses as a more appropriate consequence. If a user is willingly operating a vehicle in ways that harm others, the logical consequence is to lose that privilege. Additionally, those who have lost their license in this manner should only be relicensed after passing an educational class focused on developing a deep understanding of the toll traffic violence takes on our communities.

Before becoming a transportation advocate, I was a high school coach, teacher, and administrator. We tried to move away from the use of simple punishment to deter behaviors and instead fit the consequence to the harm caused. In this case, that fit is a loss of driving privileges.

Thank you for your consideration. Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zachary Lauritzen".

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