

It is estimated that every year across America, over 9 million bus stop arm infractions take place.

A stop arm infraction is when a vehicle continues through or around a bus stopped in the middle of a city street or highway or county road, with its stop arm deployed and red lights flashing while students board or exit a school bus.

Harlows School Bus Inc, which operates in Bismarck/Mandan also manages and/or operates in 8 markets in ND and is the 5th largest School Bus Company in North America.

Harlows School Bus Inc in the US ALONE operates in

32 Locations,

In 3 Time Zones

In 5 states and throughout Canada

Transports 70,000 students DAILY just in the USA alone

9 MILLION times each year a bus loaded with students have reported a vehicle disregarding its stop arms and bright Red flashing lights that couldve caused the death of countless students in a split second. Just think about the number of times this happens DAILY that drivers dont report it, because it happens so frequently it becomes so common place, or white noise, and they get frustrated at the lack of concern for its potentially deadly outcome that they dont bother to report it because they know the vehicle or driver will be long gone before the police can do anything about it.

Some legislators have expressed concern over the amount of increase of the fine, that it would cause sticker shock to the constituents, but just think about the impact it would have on just ONE family and one driver, let alone the all the other students on board watching in horror who's lives would be destroyed forever at the death or injury of a student due to the inpatients of a selfish driver.

Just ONE incident of a student being hit would deplete the bus drivers in that town forever and have ripple effects across the entire State. It is already near impossible to find drivers who want to take on the responsibility of driving a big bus loaded with kids, whose lives are in their hands.

can you just imagine how just one student stop anywhere in the state could change the lives of countless families and completely decimate the entire bus driver fleet. Drivers near and far would stop driving immediately.

Typically, any truck driver or bus driver who is ever in an accident where a life is lost never sits behind the wheel of a semi or bus ever again because of the memory etched in their mind of the faces and scenes that fateful/deadly day and fellow co-workers are affected to the point that they stop driving as well.

It took many years and major increases in fines and jail time to impress upon drivers that they must move over or get pulled over to protect the lives our EMS/Firefighters/tow truck drivers and LAW Enforcement, I propose a concerted effort and media blitz across the state STOP for school buses anywhere anytime the school bus is stopped and Stop arm

Is deployed and Red Lights are flashing, Childrens Lives Depend on it.

Please increase the fines and punishment to match surrounding states such as MT or WY, to drive home the seriousness of the deadly consequences of driving through a stop arm on a bus. Sticker Shock is the least of anyones worries compared to life in prison for vehicular manslaughter.

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