Scott Hennen Flag Family Media Testimony - SB 2121 01/13/2021

This will be the only testimony you'll ever hear from this radio talk show host in this session. I'm not sure I've ever done this before other than one time for the broadcaster's association. But I do feel very strongly about the topic of seatbelt use and specifically a change in the law to a primary law. I also have a great deal of appreciation for the work all of the legislators do and I wanted them to be aware that this is something I plan to talk a great deal about on the radio and engage our listeners especially those who disagree with this position and about this issue. Thanks for considering my position and please feel free to call or text me at any time at 701-367-2054. Good Bless and thank you for your service to our great state.

## Testimony:

If you choose to use your freedom to NOT wear a seatbelt...go for it. It's America. And we have more of that than just about anywhere in the USA. But let's think a bit of how we use our freedom. It's a very personal choice. My plea is to ask you to consider your family and friends...they want to see you again. I'm advocating that we do what other states have done to reduce traffic deaths, but I'm also doing it for the troopers and deputies and cops that would much prefer to take on robbers and drug dealers then have to drive to your wife's doorsteps and inform them of your death...all because you chose to not wear a seatbelt I'm doing it for the first responders who have clean up our mess and rather than rushing you to the hospital to mend up are calling the funeral home. Truth is we already have a seat belt law like 50 other states. This just adds a deterrence and the ability to stop you for not wearing it. Which will never happen if you wear it...and just like you do on an airplane, that does not hurt you...it makes you safer in the event of an accident. Remember what Mom always said after you spilled some milk?..."accidents happen" That's a fact.

So, when I look into the eyes of our precious folks on that thin blue line every day and they tell me how much of a difference this small change would mean in bringing us closer to ZERO traffic deaths...that's a vision I can happily follow. Do it for them and everyone who loves you.

That's all for now. Keep up the fight!!