

Thank you Chairman Ruby and members of the House Transportation Committee.

My name is Dean Rummel, Senator from District 37 in Dickinson.

SB 2169 supports the VISION ZERO aggressive driving team with the goal of reducing serious and fatal crashes on our roadways by increasing the specified fee by \$100 if a violation is a third or subsequent conviction of any combination of 23 serious offenses within a five-year period. Some examples of those serious offenses include drag racing, texting while driving, disregarding stop signs, driving through a red light, overtaking on a hill or curve, failure to yield an emergency vehicle, or going around railroad crossing arms. All these offences are serious in nature and can have devastating consequences.

There are currently 580,961 licensed North Dakota drivers. This increased fine will affect approximately 1,400 drivers that have at least three convictions for violations listed in this bill.

North Dakota has the highest amount of repeat driving offenses in the United States according to Insurify, a car insurance comparison website. The behaviors of these aggressive drivers need to change. This bill addresses

those repeat offenders in an effort to encourage safe driving with the ultimate goal of reducing serious injury and fatal crashes on our ND roads.

Please support and embrace the ND Strategic Highway Safety Plan's VISION ZERO, zero fatalities, zero excuses by passing this bill.

With us is Sgt. Wade Kadrmas, the Chair for the Vision Zero Speeding/Aggressive Driving Priority Emphasis Area Team with the ND Highway Patrol. I can attempt to answer questions but Sgt Kadrmas is the expert. Thanks.