

Hello,

Please accept this email as a written testimony in support of amending Senate Bill 100 (SB100) concerning that states position on the restricted driver's license programs.

I am impacted personally and professionally by this matter. I have witnessed the downward spiral of relatives, friends and community members who are on fixed budgets and limited household incomes trying to get their affairs in orders after having their drivers license suspended. On a personal level, without this amendment EVERYONES safety of driving is impaired by others who may be on the road without adequate car insurance. I would hate to have a car accident and hear, "oh I do not have car insurance because I am \$3,245 dollars away from getting my license reinstated and I was the only person at home to drive my kid to school."

Without the amendment, nearly 200,000 drivers are unable to drive legally on a restricted license until all of their fines, fees and court costs have been paid. In most cases, these additional "driving on suspended" \$1,500 fines are so overwhelming that thousands of drivers have no hope of ever having enough money to get their license reinstated and just keep driving to survive.

This is not a matter of accountability but a matter of road blocks and constraints that hinder forward progress. Without a systematic change in government our community will continue to struggle versus thrive.

I appreciate you taking the time to hear me on this matter. I am paying my fines currently.

Thank You,  
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