

We very much appreciate Chair Westman's interest in hearing from supporters of S.268. Families for Safe Streets would welcome the opportunity to provide testimony if and when the bill is taken up by the Senate Transportation Committee.

In addition to speaking to the policy, I would be honored to briefly share my personal story. My 12-year-old son, Sammy Cohen Eckstein, was killed by a speeding driver in front of our home in 2013. Since that day, I have worked to prevent other families from experiencing the same devastating loss. My family later moved to Vermont to be near relatives and to rebuild. I care deeply about the safety of Vermont's roads and the opportunity this bill presents to save lives.

In addition my personal story, I can tailor our remarks to be most helpful to the Committee. Specifically, we can address:

- The scope and impact of dangerous, repeat speeding and its connection to serious crashes and fatalities;
- The policy framework behind the Stop Super Speeders model and the national landscape with 15 other states having Stop Super Speeders legislation this session;
- How Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) technology works in practice, including real-world implementation considerations; and
- Why this approach focuses narrowly on the most dangerous drivers, with clear equity, privacy and enforcement mechanisms.

Importantly, we also have other Vermonters who have been directly impacted by traffic crashes and who would be willing to testify. Their voices reflect the real and ongoing toll that dangerous speeding takes on families and communities across the state.

Thank you again for your time and coordination. We look forward to working with you.

Best regards,

Amy