



March 25, 2019

The Honorable Doug Green
77 South High Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Green:

I am writing on behalf of **Better Ohio Teen Drivers, Inc.** and the Ohio Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) Coalition in support of H.B. 106, sponsored by Representatives Gary Scherer (R) and Michael Sheehy (D). This bill will make Ohio's roads safer through two simple, but important, adjustments to Ohio's young driver licensing system.

1. Lengthening the temporary instruction permit from 6 to 12 months
2. Ensure newly licensed teen drivers are supervised while driving after 10 p.m., rather than midnight, for the first 6 months of licensure, with exemptions for work, school and religious activities.

Better Ohio Teen Drivers, Inc. is approved by AAA's Approved Driving School Network. We are also used by Franklin, Delaware, Fairfield and several other counties and municipalities as a sentencing option for their teen traffic offenders.

We know that the main causes of teen driver car crashes are inexperience and loss of control of the vehicle. We also know that most of these crashes happen at night and early in a teen driver's driving experience. Given this knowledge, we feel strengthening Ohio's GDL law would help in reducing teen driver crashes, injuries and fatalities.

A 12-month permit phase ensures every new driver has the chance to practice driving with an adult in all four seasons. Having a well-rounded driving experience in all types of weather is invaluable. Parents of teen drivers in states that have a 12-month permit are extremely supportive.

Nighttime driving protections for newly licensed young drivers protect them from the most dangerous driving conditions while they are still inexperienced and adjusting to driving without adult supervision. Research has proven that requiring newly licensed teen drivers to drive supervised after 10 p.m. results in large fatal crash reductions for 16- and 17-year-old drivers. It is important to reiterate that this 10 p.m. protection is **NOT** a curfew and current law exemptions remain in place if you have work, school or religious activities.

Passing H.B. 106 will modernize Ohio's young driver licensing system, provide teens with greater protection, give their parents more peace of mind, and make the roads safer for everyone. A modern young driver licensing system keeps Ohio's teens, families and communities safe and strong. **Better Ohio Teen Drivers, Inc.** appreciates your consideration and urges you to support this legislation.

Thank you.
Mark Bloom, President & Founder