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To: Members of the Ohio House Transportation and Public Safety Committee

Subject: Support for HB 219, Specify speed limit effective reasonable distance from sign

Dear Transportation and Public Safety Committee Members,

The National Motorists Association is a national drivers' rights organization with members in all 50 states and with many residing in the State of Ohio. **We urge your support of HB 219 because it codifies an important standard that is required by the federal Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).**

Specifically, Section 2B.13, Speed Limit Sign, of the MUTCD states, "Speed Limit signs, indicating speed limits for which posting is required by law, shall be located at the points of change from one speed limit to another." The use of "shall" indicates a mandatory requirement.

The clarification that HB 219 would bring to this issue is extremely important, both for drivers and for law enforcement, to support the principle of traffic regulations that are fairly written, clearly indicated, and reasonably enforced.

HB 219 also requires the establishment of specifications for "reduced speed ahead" signs. Here too the federal MUTCD has standards that should be met, giving motorists adequate warning to meet the lower speed limit. Properly notified drivers are safer drivers.

Please support passage of HB 219 by voting it out of your committee. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gary Biller  
President