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Chairman Green, Vice Chairman Patton and other representatives of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee:

I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in support of H.B. 436, legislation that allows locals to decide lowering of speed limits and installation of stop signs where needed in neighborhoods with speed limits lower than 35 mph.

My name is Lisa Boggs; I am a 58 year resident of Columbus Ohio, with the last 21 years spent as a Hilltop community activist working diligently to insure my neighborhood is a decent place to live and raise a family.

My life's mission is to help restore the community to the safe and clean place it once was many years ago. I represent my neighborhood in many capacities but always with the goal of safety first.

I have been a member of Hilltop Safe Routes to School, Hilltop Mobility Plan and sat on other committees to address transportation issues in the community as well as worked closely with the City of Columbus on the West Mound Street Sidewalk Project and the South Hague Avenue Reconstruction Project where almost nine million dollars of needed infrastructure was recently placed.

When citizens are involved in having say-so on issues impacting their community, they are likely to be more involved. And when they are given a voice in deciding sensible speed limits or where a stop sign is placed, they might be more inclined to practice safe driving at lower speeds, which keeps everyone protected, especially pedestrians.

I am grateful to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee for their important work on this issue that impacts the safety of our neighborhoods and urge you all to support passage of H.B. 436.