

December 9, 2018

Representative Kristin Boggs
77 S. High Street, 10th Floor
Columbus Ohio 43215

Dear Representative Boggs:

Central Ohio's pedestrian deaths are on the rise for the fourth consecutive year, and US traffic fatalities are experiencing a multi-year climb despite only a slight increase in vehicle miles traveled. The National Safety Council refers to the crisis as a “public health epidemic” and has called for stricter traffic laws. The numbers have also prompted a shift in how traffic safety is perceived, viewing traffic deaths as a public problem to be fixed through policy and engineering rather than an individual’s responsibility.

In response, some communities have adopted a proven traffic safety program entitled Vision Zero, and reducing speeds is one of the key components of its success. This is why Friends and Families for Safe Streets Columbus also supports adoption of HB 436, the Speed Limit Reduction Bill. Other states provide more flexibility for localities to set their own speed limits, and Ohio should be on the forefront in improving safety for its surface travelling public as well.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to working with you on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

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