

Representative Barnes,

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I would like to comment on how difficult it is for people such as myself to have a license reinstatement. I am honestly not sure what the current laws state but I know that many things that have nothing to do with driving or traffic laws can get your license suspended.

For example a Warrant Block -

1. Say I owe court fines which I due to lack of financial availability can not pay in the allowed amount of time. The court may issue a warrant for me to appear to address this in which case my license will be suspended immediately. This means I have no transportation to get to court to address the warrant or get to work. I live in an area with no public transportation system. Now I run risk of losing my job, going to jail for failure to appear, or agreeing more penalties and a cost for driving under suspension making it range from \$15.00 to a possibility of \$100's of dollars depending on the reinstatement fees. Now I have lost my license and been put in a position that makes it impossible to get it back and the only crime I have committed is being broke and in the lower class. This could cause those

of us into all trying our best just to keep a roof and possibly food to eat. To not even be able to keep or acquire those things or even jobs due to lack of transportation. Now all of this once again was taken by my right to drive being taken away due to something that has nothing to do with driving. This doesn't seem right to me and lowering the fees to get your license back doesn't help if you can have them taken away and be charged more all over again for things that may be out of your control. I support anything that would help those of us struggling financially to get a license and keep our license. Before the cost and lack of pushes us into a state of poverty we may not be able to return from. I hope any of this information was helpful and I thank you for your time.

Jim Cook