

November 28, 2020

Re: H. B. 787 Accessible Parking

Chairman Green, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation Committee:

I appreciate the opportunity to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 787.

My son has Cerebral Palsy and is a power wheelchair user. I am his main source for transportation. We have an accessible van with side entrance. On many occasions I have encountered drivers parking in the diagonal lines between parking spaces, making it impossible to load/unload his wheelchair. If I was not driving and able to back out of the space, he would be left to wait in a parking lot for someone to come out and move their vehicle. We have several friends that this has happened to. We also encounter vehicles blocking curb cuts and ramps to get up on a side walk. In some instances, I do believe people just don't realize what they are doing. We need to make the general public aware of these problems and issue fines to help make them aware.

If HB 787 is passed, the improvements would be a great help in making our community accessible and welcoming to those with physical disabilities.

I respectfully ask for your support of this legislation. Thank you for your time and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.



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