

Dear Chairman Baldrige, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 31. (This testimony was transcribed by Chris Garr, CEO at Youth Challenge, assisting Bob).

- I can remember several years ago, my dad and I were coming from the grocery store. It was a general store... picking up food. Somebody parked in a handicap spot. Appeared to have a broken leg. No proper placard or temporary placard.
- At many public events, ADA parking spots are the first to be used for extraneous equipment. The width of parking spaces is often not adequate for the size of accessible vehicles.
- On multiple occurrences, I was unable to access or exit my vehicle because a car was parked on the hash lines. Now I have a rear lift installed, and it is not as much of an issue. Many vehicles with lifts have side access.
- Could there be more comprehensive signage explaining / educating the public about ADA parking rights and the public's responsibilities? For example, please leave 4' for wheelchair access."

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

Sincerely,

Bob Vitko