

Testimony in Support of SB 37
(Name: Hope Crump)
Senate Judiciary Committee
(Date: 12/10/23)

Chairman Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 37.

My name is Hope Crump, and (how you know about the issue or what perspective you bring)
Impacted individual whose license has been suspended over 30 years

(How does this issue affect you or your community?)

I was pulled over when I was 19 years old and the police gave me a ticket. When I was 45, I got a case and found out I still had this ticket which caused me to get ~~an~~ an SR22. And pay over \$600 in fines. I truly believe that the ticket should have been thrown out and I shouldn't have had to pay all that money just to get my license. I never caught another ticket or anything after that so I shouldn't have been punished for that.

(How would Senate Bill 37 help?)

I think passing this issue will make it better for people to get their license and not making it so hard especially if it's not regarding a traffic violation.

Thank you for your time and attention. If you have any questions, I can be reached at _____

jcarter@neighborhoodgrants.org

Please support Senate Bill 37.

Sincerely,



Testimony in Support of SB 37
(Name: Heidi)
Senate Judiciary Committee
(Date: 12/11/23)

Chairman Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 37.

My name is Heidi, and (how you know about the issue or what perspective you bring)
Husband has been impacted by this issue

(How does this issue affect you or your community?)

I remember the frustration we had with my husband before we were married having his license suspended for child support issues. And it wasn't even his fault! They messed up their record-keeping and not posted things timely, from that time on, we made it a point to go into the Administration Building and hand deliver the payments to get a time stamped receipt. Fortunately, for us we knew someone at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles who could help us get the suspension released without going through too many hoops but, I remembered thinking then, how can someone pay child support when you take away their ability to drive to work? This happened close to 20 years ago. It is sad to hear that this craziness is still going on.

(How would Senate Bill 37 help?)

It will alleviate stress and the additional barriers that prevents individuals that are impacted from making a livelihood.

Thank you for your time and attention. If you have any questions, I can be reached at Joi Carter's
email jcarter@neighborhoodgrants.org

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Sincerely,

Heidi Baker

Testimony in Support of SB 37
(Name: Chachi)
Senate Judiciary Committee
(Date: 12/10/22)

Chairman Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 37.

My name is Chachi, and (how you know about the issue or what perspective you bring)

(How does this issue affect you or your community?)

I was out in a situation where someone was pregnant, about to go into labor, my vehicle was the only way of transportation to get to the hospital. I had ~~expired~~ expired tags. Still made the decision to get in the car to drive and get pulled over immediately. Wasn't able to make it to court and now I have fines, fees and warrants for something minor. That's scary to walk around with all of these things piled up against you. Can't get to work, driving a car that ended up breaking down. (I'm you're out of a car, it's hard thing to get another car without a valid license. Had to rely on the bus, which isn't that safe or reliable.

(How would Senate Bill 37 help?)

It will make 85% of our lives a little better. When you don't have a car or license it interrupts your routines and way of life

Thank you for your time and attention. If you have any questions, I can be reached at jcarter@neighborhoodgrants.org

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Testimony in Support of SB 37
(Name: Teresa)
Senate Judiciary Committee
(Date: _____)

Chairman Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 37.

My name is Teresa, and (how you know about the issue or what perspective you bring)

(How does this issue affect you or your community?)

I trusted someone that told me that they had driver's license. I let them borrow my car and they got in a terrible car accident. They were supposed to pay the fines, but they didn't so it all came back on me and they suspended my driver's license. Now I have to pay fines. It's not just my license I'm trying to clear up, I have to clear up my credit too. I have to pay off the car that was wrecked in the accident.

(How would Senate Bill 37 help?)

It will help resident have the authority over their lives and better support their families

Thank you for your time and attention. If you have any questions, I can be reached at _____

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Testimony in Support of SB 37
(Name: Angela Thomas)
Senate Judiciary Committee
(Date: 11/3/23)

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My name is Angela Thomas, and (how you know about the issue or what perspective you bring)

(How does this issue affect you or your community?)

I was on child support. My child's father had custody of my youngest son. Because I wasn't paying child support as often as the courts advised me to, they suspended my driver's license and you can't drive w/out certain privileges. Later down the line the courts gave me driving privileges and by asking the judge, which made it a little easier. but it didn't happen instantly. But the experience was paralyzing.

(How would Senate Bill 37 help?)

I would like to see new police enforcement hired for the city of Cleveland.

Thank you for your time and attention. If you have any questions, I can be reached at

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Testimony in Support of SB 37
(Name: Cassandra Gordon)
Senate Judiciary Committee
(Date: 11/12/23)

Chairman Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 37.

My name is Cassandra Gordon and (how you know about the issue or what perspective you bring) working in the community as a case worker in Cleveland and being an impacted individual.

(How does this issue affect you or your community?)

17 years old driving a car in Lakewood. I didn't have a license. They made me get a my license and then suspended it for this years. This happened because I was pulled over at 17 years old, I had a broken tail light. It took me a long time to try to get my license reinstated. I was on payment plans & I couldn't afford to pay the payment plans. Because I couldn't pay, they issued a warrant, once I got the warrant, every year I've been paying hundreds to try to get it back.

(How would Senate Bill 37 help?)

If I already did what I did and I payed for the wrong doing, why am I still being punished? I want to see system change. They're finding more ways to get money that we don't have. That money could go back into our communities.

Thank you for your time and attention. If you have any questions, I can be reached at _____

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Testimony in Support of SB 37
(Name: MA)
Senate Judiciary Committee
(Date: 1/30/23)

Chairman Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 37.

My name is wants to be anonymous, and (how you know about the issue or what perspective you bring)

(How does this issue affect you or your community?)

We and my fiance both are impacted by this issue. My license was suspended before I was even able to attain a license. I got into an altercation, a physical fight on the bus when I was a teenager. That situation still prevents me from getting a license and I am now 24. My fiance lost her license due to a traffic ticket and not being able to pay it. The fines and fees to get it reinstated. We have two children and we've lost several jobs between the both of us due to the struggle of getting transportation to work. We have trouble getting and new burn to doctor's appointments and getting baby formula.

(How would Senate Bill 37 help?)

help me feel better about myself and take care and provide for my family

Thank you for your time and attention. If you have any questions, I can be reached at

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