



Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee

Senate Building

1 Capitol Square

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Thank you, Chairman Manning and Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, for the opportunity to speak in support of House Bill 56.

As a former Mayor and committed citizen, it is important to share the concerns I have for my community. Trotwood Police have shared with me that they have noticed a trend of street takeovers and hooning increasing in the last three years. It appears to be growing with every event. Hooning and reckless driving has plagued our communities for far too long. Not just in the City of Trotwood and Montgomery County, but all over the state and country.

Law enforcement are unable to enforce the current laws due to the lack of legislation addressing such irresponsible behavior. A major intersection in downtown Dayton had been blocked by an incident like this. All entry into the intersection had been blocked by cars while one at a time, drivers would pull into the middle of the intersection and burn out in circles leaving dark marks on the road. This is happening in communities all over.

I reached out to Representatives Phil Plummer and Andrea White about legislation to address this concern. I am thankful for the Representatives in Montgomery County for hearing our concerns and seeking to address them with House Bill 56.

This issue has affected me closely. A dear friend of mine was killed in an accident by a driver who was engaging in street racing. These reckless incidents are causing damage and death. It must be stopped. The sooner we advance this legislation, the sooner we can stop damage and death from happening around our state.

House Bill 56 will help to stop these incidents of reckless driving. With higher penalties and the option to impound a car, wrongdoers might think twice before committing these acts of recklessness. I thank the Ohio House of Representatives for passing House Bill 56 with an overwhelming majority. I now urge you send House Bill 56 to the Senate so that we can take back our communities from these reckless drivers.

Again, thank you, Chairman Manning and Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, for the opportunity to speak in support of House Bill 56.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary A. McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a distinct 'A'.

Mary A. McDonald

Former Mayor of Trotwood, Ohio

Candidate for Montgomery County Commission