

February 14, 2022

Re: H. B. 31 Accessible Parking

Chairwoman Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Transportation Committee:

I appreciate the opportunity to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 31.

My 24 yr old son, Vincent, 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 access a side walk. In some instances, I do believe people just don't realize what they are doing. We need to make these issues known to the general public and business owners.

If HB 31 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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