

My name is Cesar Luna. I humbly ask that you please accept this email as my written testimony in support of amending Senate Bill 100 (SB100) concerning that states position on the restricted driver's license programs.

I am impacted both personally and professionally by this matter. I have witnessed the downward spiral of relatives, friends and community members who are on fixed budgets and limited household incomes trying to get their affairs in orders after having their drivers license suspended.

I feel that personally, individuals who drive without adequate car insurance pose more threat to the safety of others than those who are unable to drive due to suspended licenses.

Without the amendment, nearly 200,000 drivers are unable to drive legally on a restricted license until all of their fines, fees and court costs have been paid. This becomes a financial strain as my job like most requires me to leave the home and work in order to help support my growing family. This sometimes becomes impossible as I do not always have a reliable transportation to and from as my wife also works outside of the home and we generally work different shifts. In most if not all cases, additional "driving on suspended" \$1,500+ fines are so overwhelming that hundreds and thousands of drivers have no hope of ever having enough money to get their license reinstated and just keep driving to survive.

This is not a matter of accountability but a matter of road blocks and constraints that hinder forward progress. I hope that this testimony helps to aid in the amendment of this bill, which will help hundreds and thousands of others to move forward with a change so that we are able to live a normal life. Without a systematic change in government our community will continue to struggle versus thrive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cesar Luna