



*Greater Mizpah Baptist Church*  
*Rev. Dr. Essex L. Richardson, Jr., Senior Pastor*

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*Be Strong and Very Courageous*  
-Joshua 1:9

**From: Pastor Essex L. Richardson, Jr., Senior Pastor**

**To: Senate Transportation Chairman Petersen, Vice-Chair Claeys,  
Ranking Minority Member Hawks and Committee members.**

**RE: Testimony in Support of SB100 as Amended**

**As pastor of the Greater Mizpah Baptist Church, I would ask each of you to urgently consider the need to work and pass the amendment to SB 100.**

Without it, nearly 200,000 drivers will still not be able to drive legally on a restricted license until all of their fines, fees and court costs have been paid. Only then will they qualify to have their Reinstatement Fees reduced.

In most cases, these additional "driving on suspended" \$1,500 fines are so overwhelming that thousands of drivers have no hope of ever having enough money to get their license reinstated so they just keep driving to survive. As a pastor, I am encountering several of my congregants who would greatly benefit from the passage of this amendment which will offer them another opportunity to contribute to their communities in a positive manner. **The amendment will allow all drivers who have had their license suspended due to non-payment of a traffic fine to drive legally while they are paying those fines by installments, doing community service or by having their fines and reinstatement fees reduced or waived by the Court. Thank you for your consideration of the importance of SB100.**

Best regards,

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