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**Testimony to the Senate Transportation Committee
In Support of SB426
February 19, 2024**

Chairman Petersen and Committee Members,

Our associations support SB426. The proposed increased penalties for violating the move over law resulting in injury or death of a law enforcement officer, EMS worker, or firefighter are reasonable penalties when those injuries or deaths occur.

Working along the highways is one of the common activities when these first responders are injured or killed by vehicles striking the workers or their vehicles. These injuries and deaths are clearly avoidable if drivers would simply obey the move over law.

We believe the words “law enforcement officer” on lines page 2 lines 8-9 and line 14, were probably intended to be “firefighter” since what is printed is repetitive and omits firefighters but includes fire department vehicles.

We urge you to pass the bill favorably.

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