

TESTIMONY OF

Trooper Jake Jones, NDHP Crash Reconstructionist

Good morning Chairman Clemens and members of the committee. My name is Jake Jones and I serve as a trooper and crash reconstructionist for the North Dakota Highway Patrol. I am here to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 2169.

This bill amends NDCC 39-06.1-06 by adding a \$100 fine for repeat offenders. The sections of law identified in this bill, such as drag racing, texting while driving, speeding, and disregarding stop signs are all serious in nature and can have devastating consequences.

According to Insurify, a car insurance comparison website, North Dakota has the highest amount of repeat driving offenses in the United States, with an over eight percent higher re-offending rate than the next leading state. Insurify noted that 16 percent of North Dakota drivers with a crash they caused, and 29 percent with a speeding ticket will go on to commit a second offense of the same type.

This bill addresses those repeat offenders in an effort to encourage safe driving with the ultimate goal of reducing serious injury and fatal crashes on our roadways.

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.