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Dear Chair LaMountain and Committee members,

My name is Derek, I live in Providence, and **I am writing in support of H8098**, Chair LaMountain's Super Speeders Accountability Act that would allow judges to order the installation of a speed-limiting device in the vehicles of repeat speeding offenders. This GPS-based technology automatically prevents a car from exceeding the posted speed limit.

I walk about four miles a day in Providence with my dogs, my wife, and our newborn daughter. We have had numerous close calls in crosswalks. I regularly see cars speeding through stoplights, stop signs, and crosswalks. My family has been yelled at by speeding drivers while legally crossing inside crosswalks. I used to bike before moving here; I don't anymore. The safety of my family on these streets weighs on me constantly.

I am keenly aware that speed is closely correlated with survival chances when crashes occur. Speeding contributes to 1/3 of deadly crashes across the US, and a small number of "Super Speeders" are disproportionately responsible. **In 2019, 63% of all deaths in crashes were speed-related, placing Rhode Island as the state with the highest percentage of speed-related fatalities in the nation.**

This legislation addresses this issue by using Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) in vehicles driven by the most dangerous speeders — those driving 20+ miles per hour over the limit on roads with a 40 mph limit or less, or 30+ mph over on roads with higher limits. ISA is a proven, life-saving technology that helps vehicles stay within the posted speed limit – it stops speeding while allowing otherwise high-risk drivers to make daily trips.

This bill will make our roads safer for everyone - drivers, passengers, and people traveling outside of cars who are much more likely to be seriously hurt or killed if hit by a speeding driver.

Please support H8098 "Super Speeder Accountability Act".

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