



Testimony to the
House Transportation Committee
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Regarding: HB-1257

The North Dakota Association of Counties is a strong believer in North Dakota's primary traffic safety initiative, Vision Zero and therefore opposes HB 1257.

Vision Zero's goal is to continually work toward zero motor vehicle fatalities and serious injuries on North Dakota roads. North Dakota Counties have taken a role in both educating the public and implementing protocols and procedures in respect to traffic safety.

Seatbelts are a proven way to save lives and reduce serious crash-related injuries. The CDC reports seatbelts saved nearly 15,000 lives in 2017. The goal of Vision Zero is to save lives, and this bill is a direct conflict to that.

The North Dakota Association of Counties opposes HB 1257.

Thank you, Chairman Ruby, and all the Transportation Committee members. Your work to protect every North Dakota citizen riding in an automobile is greatly appreciated.