

Testimony of Ann G. Miller on HF3498 (Schultz)

I am writing in reference to a bill relating to speed limits in school zones: Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 169.011, by adding a subdivision; 169.14, subdivisions 2,5a.

I was a teacher and parent in Green Bay, Wisconsin for many years. The posted speed limit within school zones there is 15 m.p.h. when children are present. Police officers regularly patrol the areas around schools and issue tickets to violators. It is rare to see drivers exceeding the speed limit, because they know it is enforced.

When we moved to Duluth I was surprised that there were no posted limits around schools. I pick my grandchildren up at their elementary school, and we have to cross a street to get back to the car. The current speed limit of 30 m.p.h. is too fast when so many children are in the area - especially as many drivers exceed that speed.

I strongly urge the Minnesota legislature to enact a law that reduces the speed limit in school zones to 20 m.p.h., with signs prominently displayed for drivers to see. I also hope that law enforcement does its part by issuing tickets to offenders. Our children's safety should be of paramount concern.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important bill.

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