

Good morning esteemed members of the House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to share testimony with the committee today.

In 2017, I had a fender bender. Everyone was OK, thankfully, but during the adjustment process with my insurance company, they informed me that providing my residential address to the other driver is required by state law. I was shocked. As a single woman, I would never give my physical address to any stranger I've just met, or had an accident with, on the street. To find out one of my most basic survival instincts violated state law compelled me to reach out to my representatives to request a change. I'm grateful to Rep. Koegel for introducing HF 3553 in response.

Having been a survivor of violence previously, my primary concern is keeping myself physically safe, and keeping my address private whenever possible is paramount. I ask you to support HF 3553. If the intent of the original law was to make sure both parties are reachable to resolve damages, we live in a time when multiple alternatives exist: insurance companies have customer information on file; most of us have a cell phone or landline; most of us have email. Providing a physical address to a person in a situation when tempers can be running high is no longer necessary, and introduces unnecessary risk. I believe the state law, as it is currently written, is outdated and does not reflect today's culture of personal safety, especially for women.

Thank you,

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