

HB2434 – Testimony in Support of Revoking the Authority to suspend driving privileges for the nonpayment of fines from traffic citations

My name is Michael Cecil. I have a story about how having a suspended driver's license has not only affected me but my children as well. I actually have a court date set for this Friday for not paying my fines for driving on suspended. I recently was laid off of work in part because of days I missed trying to find rides to work.

On my way home from picking my kids up from daycare and school right after work I was pulled over again for driving on suspended. I now have a 2nd driving on suspended court date next month on top of not paying my fines or the first one this Friday that I have to go to court for, as well as being laid off due to the 737 max issues and still being a single dad trying to take care of my kids every single day. I would appreciate the chance to tell you my whole story and let you know how my license was suspended in the first place.

I hope this isn't too late because I believe I have one of the most unique and for me personally one of the toughest stories about the suspended license epidemic to date. It includes the trouble with being laid off in part because of missing work and 737 max issues.

I'm looking at jail time soon and I see this bill as a chance to break through and not only be a productive member of society but keeping a single dad out of jail and raising my 2 small children instead of going down a darker road in life.

Thank you for your time

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