

**Written Testimony in Support of SB0856 / HB1338
Before the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
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Submitted by:

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Age 24 | Provisional License Holder

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jaden Jones, and I am a 24-year-old automotive graduate of the NCIA Vocational Training Center. I completed the Automotive program on November 20, 2025 and currently hold a provisional driver's license. I submit this testimony in support of SB0856 / HB1338.

Automotive positions often require driving customer vehicles and meeting insurance requirements that mandate a full driver's license. While I am legally permitted to drive, my provisional license has prevented me from securing employment.

Since graduating, I have been turned down for employment by Jiffy Lube, Midas, and Pep Boys — not because of my training or qualifications, but because I do not yet hold a full license.

This delay has kept me from earning steady wages and starting my career, despite completing all the required education and testing.

SB0856 / HB1338 does not reduce safety standards. It simply removes a waiting period that treats adults the same as teenage drivers and prevents job-ready adults from working.

I respectfully urge a favorable report on SB0856 / HB1338.

Sincerely,

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