



VIA E-MAIL

Muriel Bowser

Mayor

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Dear Mayor Bowser:

Over the past few months, DC has experienced a deadly uptick in traffic violence. In the aftermath of these crashes, mothers have raised their voices for safer infrastructure, and friends who lost loved ones have protested the District government's glacial and inadequate response to this crisis. Civic leaders have sent thousands of letters to you, the Department of Transportation, and the DC Council asking for bold action to fix unsafe streets.

Therefore, we strongly urge you to fully fund and implement the Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2020.

The bill has more than a dozen traffic safety provisions that align with DC's Vision Zero goals. But funding and implementing it is just a first step forward. It will take this action and many more like it to prevent death on our streets by 2024.

Your decision to request this funding, and to direct DC's agencies to fully implement the bill, will send a message to victims and their families, and to civic leaders who continue to advocate for traffic safety changes, about whether or ending traffic violence is a priority for your administration.

While we are requesting full funding of the entire Act, we would like to highlight the following key provisions of the bill that we believe must be fully funded in upcoming budget and need to be implemented without delay:

- Sections 5 and 7 - Pass and implement MoveDC, Complete Streets and the mandatory protected bike/bus lanes requirements.
- Section 3(a) - Create mandatory sidewalk and crosswalk construction with DDOT capital projects.
- No Turn on Red - Prohibit right turns on red at 80% of signalized intersections where vulnerable road users are most likely to be.

- Speed Limits - Lower speed limits on local and collector roads (~13% of DC streets) to 20mph to fall in line with recent the new default limit for unsigned streets and local streets.
- Section 7(e) - Enhance Fatal Crash Response to inspect the site 30 days after a fatal crash, require DDOT to inspect site and publish interim design installed and include permanent or interim design planned for later installation within 30 days of inspection. Additionally, add Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to Major Crash Review Task Force. This will ensure crashes receive the same amount of attention and intervention.
- Section 8(b) - Establish a public outreach program to educate on traffic safety, dooring, and emphasizes zero-tolerance for automobile-bicycle related injuries and fatalities including an education forum in each ward aimed at educating the public and raising awareness about automobile-bicycle injuries & fatalities.

We would also like to encourage action on reciprocity negotiations for automated enforcement tickets. This is an opportunity to hold out-of-state drivers accountable and create a funding stream for safe infrastructure measures in corridors with high crash rates, with an emphasis on investment east of the river.

Additionally, we believe that driver retesting for out of state license transfers needs to be fully implemented by the Department of Motor Vehicles to ensure new drivers are knowledgeable about basic rules and regulations in our city.

Sincerely,

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