

November 18, 1997

Representative Bob Dueholm
418 North, State Capitol
Madison, WI INTER-D

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Dear Representative Dueholm:

Thank you for your request for a hearing on Assembly Bill 298. I usually wait until I hear from the author before scheduling a hearing on a particular bill.

From what I know about it, 55ALIVE is a great program and a wonderful idea. However, I have reservations about the mandate AB 298 requires. I do understand that some insurance companies do voluntarily allow for premium reductions for taking such courses, which I feel is a good idea.

At this point, I have more requests and commitments pending than I can probably get to before next year. The budget delay helped create this backlog. I will add your request to my ever-growing list.

Sincerely,

CLIFFORD OTTE
Chair, Consumer Affairs

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cc: Representative Frank Urban



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State Representative Cliff Otte, Chair
Assembly Committee on Consumer Affairs
109 West, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Otte:

I am writing to request that you hold a public hearing on Assembly Bill 298, relating to reductions in automobile insurance premiums for persons age 55 and older who complete an accident prevention course.

According to Donn Leussler, the 55 ALIVE/MATURE Driving Wisconsin State Coordinator, Minnesota in 1996 had 52,216 graduates of the 55 ALIVE course. With a similar number of persons 55 and older, Wisconsin in 1996 had only 3,163 graduates. This accident prevention course would be of great benefit not only to our seniors but to the general public as well.

We have refresher courses for doctors, lawyers, teachers and many other professions. I think a refresher course for drivers makes good public safety sense and is a proposal worthy of public discussion. The 55 ALIVE proposal has gone at least two sessions without benefit of a public hearing. I urge you to hold a hearing on Assembly Bill 298 before the Assembly Committee on Consumer Affairs.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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cc: Representative Frank Urban
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