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Carol Kelso

**Wisconsin State Legislature
88th Assembly District Representative**

Representative Jeff Stone
Chairman, Assembly Highway Safety Committee
Room 306 North

1/5/2000

Rep. Stone and Members of the Highway Safety Committee:

I am submitting testimony today in support of Assembly Bill 600, which prohibits an individual from riding in the back of a pickup truck. This bill will prevent potential loss of life in motor vehicle accidents.

This bill is identical to a bill I introduced in 1997, AB 554, which was voted out of committee 11-1 and passed the Assembly by a more than 2 to 1 margin. This bill is supported by the Department of Transportation, and is consistent with our state's commitment to providing safety on our highways. In a state where seat belts are mandatory, it seems reasonable to not allow people to ride unprotected in the back of an uncovered truck.

I originally gained interest in this issue during time I spent riding with Green Bay police officers during their night shift. I was discouraged by what I witnessed - an incredible amount of teens who ride in the back of trucks while "cruising the strip." We have accident after accident just waiting to happen, and I want to provide that protection to everyone, not just our teenagers

According to statistics provided by the Department of Transportation, over one fourth of occupants riding in open cargo areas of trucks that are involved in crashes are those sixteen or seventeen years old. This leads to an annual average of 15% of occupants sixteen or seventeen years of age involved in open cargo truck accidents who receive incapacitating injuries. Additionally, it is not only the people riding in the open area that are at risk of injury when an accident occurs, but pedestrians and other drivers, as well.

This bill provides exceptions for farming, parades, deer hunting, and employment, so it will not hinder those who need to have this exception. However, it is a small measure that will protect many of our citizens from serious injury or even death and make our streets and highways safer.

Thank you for your time.

Carol Kelso
88th District Representative

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March 14, 2000

Karen Wesley
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Dear Ms. Wesley,

Thank you for calling the office of Rep. Carol Kelso with your support for expanding Assembly Bill 600 to prohibit dogs from riding in the uncovered bed of a pickup truck. Rep. Kelso forwarded your concerns to me because you live in my district.

AB 600 has already be approved by the Assembly Committee on Highway Safety, which I chair, but has not yet been voted on by the full Assembly. If the bill does come before us for a vote during this legislative session, I will keep your concerns in mind.

Thanks again for your interest in this bill.

Sincerely,

Jeff Stone
State Representative
82nd Assembly District

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