



DAVID BRANDEMUEHL

State Representative
49th Assembly District

October 5, 1999

Rep. David Cullen
216 North, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Rep. Cullen:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David".

Thank you for your letter of August 23, 1999, regarding Assembly Bill 332. I appreciate hearing from you.

After reviewing this legislation and speaking to other interested parties, I don't believe that I will be holding a hearing on AB 332 or moving it forward at this time. I understand that the intent of this legislation is to promote safer highways in Milwaukee County, but I am not convinced that establishing lane restrictions and setting a lower speed limit for semi-trucks and certain other vehicles will actually result in greater safety.

The information I have seen indicates that speed differentials lead to increased accident rates. It is far safer to have all traffic traveling at approximately the same speed. In regards to the lane restrictions, I am concerned that restricting certain vehicles to the right-hand lanes of highways in Milwaukee County will actually cause more problems considering the number of left-hand exits on these highways. For these reasons, I do not plan on advancing AB 332 at this time.

If you have any questions regarding my position on this legislation, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David".

David A. Brandemuehl
State Representative
49th Assembly District

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DAVID CULLEN
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

August 23, 1999

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Representative David Brandemuehl, Chair
Assembly Committee on Transportation
Room 317 North
State Capitol

Dear Representative Brandemuehl,

I am writing in regard to 1999 Assembly Bill 332, a proposal I authored and introduced on May 6, 1999, and which has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Transportation. The bill was introduced at the request of Milwaukee County Sheriff Lev Baldwin and has the support of several sheriffs in the counties surrounding Milwaukee.

As you are aware, AB 332 would set a maximum speed limit of 50 miles per hour for semi-trucks and vehicles with trailers having a gross weight of more than 3,000 pounds. Additionally, the bill limits the use of such vehicles to the right-hand lane of a highway or the two lanes farthest to the right of a three-lane highway. These requirements are only applicable to Milwaukee County.

I am requesting that the Assembly Committee on Transportation hold a public hearing and executive session on AB 332 as soon as possible. Moving the bill through the committee process now will allow the full Assembly to consider the legislation as soon as we reconvene this fall.

I look forward to hearing from you on this request and working with you to strengthen the safety of our highways with the passage of Assembly Bill 332. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

DAVID CULLEN
State Representative
13th Assembly District

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