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Thank you Chairman Ripp and the entire Transportation Committee for allowing me to testify today on behalf of Assembly Bill 476. I'll keep my remarks brief.

Several sessions ago, ABATE along with a bipartisan group of legislators worked together to pass ACT 466. The bill enhanced penalties for certain traffic violations regarding right of way law including failure to yield. The ACT also required those who were found guilty of "Right of Way" (ROW) violations to attend an instructive class regarding ROW laws. The class is available online.

AB 476 expands the list of ROW violations that fall under the new guidelines to things such as failure to yield at sidewalks, while backing up and approaching alleyways.

AB 476 would require a person who has committed any of the aforementioned violations and the violation results in bodily harm or death of another, the person must forfeit \$200 if bodily harm results, \$500 if great bodily harm results, and \$1,000 if death results.

DOT must require attendance at a vehicle right-of-way course and suspend the person's operating privilege. This DOT suspension must be for a period of two months if the offense resulted in bodily harm to another, three months if the offense resulted in great bodily harm to another, and nine months if the offense resulted in the death of another.

I know we all want to make our roads as safe as possible for everybody. I feel this bill will take Wisconsin a step further in that direction.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janel Brandtjen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

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