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Committee Assignment

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RE: Memorializing the New York State Legislature to Pass the Crash Victims Rights and Safety Act

Honorable Legislators:

The number of traffic fatalities went up dramatically over the last two years. In 2021, preliminary data from the National Safety Council shows that 1,054 people died in motor vehicle collisions in New York State. This number represents a nine (9) percent increase from 2020 and a 21 percent increase from 2019. Traffic collisions kill an average of three (3) New Yorkers every day, while thousands more suffer from lifelong injuries. The disturbing trend is happening even as Americans drive fewer miles.

We encourage the New York State Legislature to pass a package of eight bills known as the Crash Victims Rights and Safety Act. These bills put in place measures to reduce traffic deaths and safeguard the legal rights of those impacted by crashes.

Each of the bills would enact the following provisions respectively:

S02021/A01007: Authorizes cities, villages and towns (outside New York City) to reduce the speed limit to twenty-five miles per hour.

SS00524-A/A04655A: Allows lower life-saving speed limits in New York City.

S03897/A08936A: Increases state funding where the municipality agrees to fund a complete street design feature.

S08394/A08624: Will expand the state's current complete street design principles policy to include all state, county and local transportation projects that are undertaken by the Department of Transportation or receive federal, state or both federal and state funding.

S05130/A07782: Includes, when possible, complete street design features in resurfacing, maintenance and pavement recycling projects and further enables safe access to public roads for all users.

S04529 and A00547: Two pieces of legislation that require drivers pass bicyclists at a safe distance of a minimum of three (3) feet. The Senate version excludes the City of New York. The Monroe County Legislature enacted a similar measure last year.

S1078A/A5084: Educates New York drivers about safely interacting with vulnerable road users.

S8152/A9152: Guarantee rights and a voice for crash victims and their loved ones in legal proceedings.

The data shows there is urgency to act, as traffic injuries and fatalities devastate thousands of New Yorkers. Everyone should be able to get around safely, whether they are driving, cycling or walking. There are real solutions to protect all road users and make streets more accessible. Passing the Crash Victims Rights and Safety Act will save lives.

Respectfully submitted,



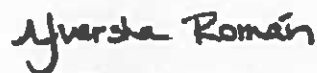
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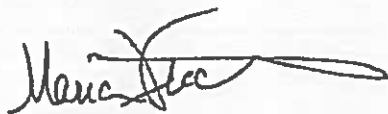
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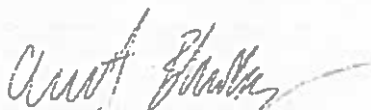
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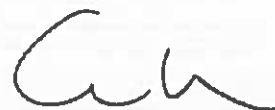
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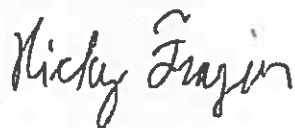
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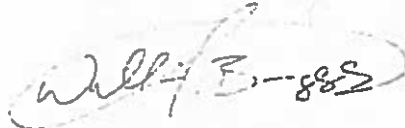
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