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**Proponent Testimony to the Senate Committee on Transportation for SB476
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Chair Petersen, Vice Chair Kloos, Ranking Member Corson, and Members of the Committee:

During the pandemic we saw a dramatic increase in the number of motorists who were speeding. It was not uncommon for us to encounter motorists who were travelling at 100 mph or more on county roads and state highways. The decrease in the amount of traffic seemed to encourage drivers to drive at speeds well in excess of the posted limit.

Unfortunately, this type of behavior did not decrease after the lockdown was lifted. Instead, we see motorists who not only speed but also perform unsafe lane changes and other behaviors that are hazardous to other motorists on the roads.

SB476 provides consequences for this type of activity, and we stand in support of the bill.

We ask the committee to recommend favorable passage of the bill.

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