

January 15, 2025

**Chair William Gannon**  
Judiciary Committee

**Vice Chair Daryl Abbas**  
Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Gannon, Vice Chair Abbas, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for your leadership on public safety and justice issues. We write to you today to convey our support for Senate Bill 618-FN. Speeding is a public safety crisis. It contributed to more than 12,000 deaths nationwide in 2022, nearly one-third of all traffic fatalities. New Hampshire is not immune, and the trend is getting worse. Senate Bill 618-FN gives lawmakers a proven, targeted tool to stop the most dangerous drivers – a small group responsible for the deadliest crashes called “Super Speeders” – on our roads and save lives.

In New Hampshire, extreme speeding is surging. Since 2018, State Police aircraft have documented a 230% increase in vehicles traveling over 100 miles per hour. In a single year, approximately 120 drivers were cited for speeds exceeding 100 mph, some as high as 120 mph. In 2023 alone, nearly 36,000 speeding citations were issued, and 30 people were killed in speed-related crashes. Despite fewer overall crashes, traffic deaths rose nearly 50% between 2019 and 2022. Today’s crashes are deadlier because speeds are higher.

SB 618-FN focuses narrowly on the small but high-risk group driving these outcomes: repeat, egregious “Super Speeders.” It does not affect everyday drivers who occasionally exceed the speed limit. The bill allows judges to require intelligent speed assistance (ISA) for chronic speed violators facing license suspension. ISA uses GPS to recognize posted speed limits and physically prevents vehicles from exceeding them. This is proven technology that stops dangerous behavior before tragedy occurs.

Current enforcement tools are failing this population. Fines do not change behavior, and license suspension often makes it worse. 75% of drivers with suspended licenses continue to drive, putting everyone at risk. SB 618-FN replaces ineffective penalties with real accountability. Under this policy, offenders can still get to work, care for family, and attend medical appointments, but only while obeying the law and driving safely.

The cost of inaction is high. Nationally, 28% of fatal crashes involve speeding, and the economic cost of speed-related crashes in a single year has been estimated at nearly \$59 billion (adjusted for inflation). More importantly, every year of delay means more preventable injuries and deaths on New Hampshire roads.

SB 618-FN is a measured, data-driven response to a public safety emergency. It protects responsible drivers, equips courts with a tool that works, and prevents harm before it happens. We urge you to vote “yes” on SB 618-FN and advance it out of committee. The lives of New Hampshire residents are on the line.

Sincerely,



cc:

Senator Debra Altschiller  
Senator Sharon arson  
Senator Tara Reardon  
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