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Representative Crowley Testifies on Bi-Partisan Bill to Curb Reckless Driving

MILWAUKEE, WI - Representative David Crowley (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement after giving testimony on 'The Safe Roads Save Lives Act', a bi-partisan bill to increase public safety and curb the epidemic of reckless driving in the City of Milwaukee:

"I would like to thank Representatives Novak and Spreitzer and all the members of the Committee on Local Government for hearing testimony today on the 'Safe Roads Save Lives' Act. The bill is designed to give law enforcement the 21st century tools they need to crack down on the epidemic of reckless driving that is putting drivers and pedestrians in danger. Allowing the Milwaukee Common Council to authorize the Milwaukee Police Department to use automated speed enforcement is a strong first step in holding individuals accountable who willingly flaunt our traffic laws and threaten the people of Milwaukee.

"My testimony included a recent study that found that by implementing automated safety systems, communities were able to realize 21% fewer fatal red-light running crashes and 14% fewer crashes of all kinds at intersections with traffic lights. It is no secret that reckless driving is truly an epidemic in Milwaukee, and this bill is one tool that we can use to combat that epidemic.

"With limited resources and manpower, maintaining an adequate amount of traffic enforcement becomes increasingly difficult. These automated systems save lives, make roads safer, and allow law enforcement to put their resources where they are most needed. While this bill will not eradicate reckless driving, it is a necessary step that will help to instill a culture of safe driving in the City of Milwaukee. I am hopeful that the Wisconsin State Senate will follow suit and hear this bill so we can continue working on making our communities safer."

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