



February 25, 2026

Senate Transportation & Energy Committee
Colorado General Assembly
200 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, Colorado

Dear Chair Cutter, Vice Chair Ball, and Members of the Senate Transportation & Energy Committee,

At Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), we work with families whose lives were split into “before” and “after” a crash. Before the phone call. Before the knock on the door. After a choice made behind the wheel that can never be undone.

While MADD was founded to end impaired driving, the reality we see every day is that dangerous driving behaviors overlap. Speeding, reckless passing, and impairment often go hand in hand. When someone makes the decision to cross a double yellow line or repeatedly push far beyond the speed limit, they are making a choice that puts every other person on that road at risk.

Colorado is in a traffic safety crisis. CDOT recently reported that speeding claimed 237 lives in 2024. That’s 237 families forever changed. Speed remains one of the leading contributors to fatal crashes across our state.

Illegal passing in no-passing zones is especially deadly because it creates head-on collisions — some of the most violent crashes that occur on our roadways. We’ve also seen a growing number of wrong-way drivers, situations that are terrifying and often fatal. These are not minor infractions. They are high-risk behaviors with deadly consequences.

SB26-035 takes a clear and focused approach to addressing exactly those behaviors.

The bill increases penalties for illegal passing, clarifies roadway markings, creates escalating consequences for repeat speeding, and requires repeat offenders to appear in court instead of simply mailing in a fine. It also directs CDOT to prioritize safety signage on high-crash roadways using statewide crash data.

This bill is about accountability — especially for repeat, high-risk drivers who demonstrate a pattern of dangerous behavior.

For the families we serve, the question is always the same: could this have been prevented? How do we keep this from happening to another family?

SB26-035 won't stop every crash. But it strengthens deterrence where we know the risk is highest. It targets behaviors that contribute to rising fatalities. And it sends a clear message that crossing the centerline or repeatedly speeding is not just a ticket — it's a serious public safety issue.

On behalf of the victims and survivors we represent, MADD respectfully asks for your support.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to safer roads in Colorado.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Green
Executive Director
MADD Colorado & Wyoming



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Dear Chair Cutter, Vice Chair Ball, and Members of the Senate Transportation & Energy Committee,

The White Line was founded after 17-year-old Magnus White was killed while riding his bicycle in Boulder County. Magnus was a son, a teammate, a student, and a young man with an extraordinary future. His life ended on a Colorado roadway because of a driver's choices.

When we talk about speeding, it can sound abstract. But for families like Magnus's, speed is not abstract. Speed determines whether someone survives.

The physics are unforgiving. As speed increases, a driver's stopping distance grows. Reaction time shrinks. The force of impact multiplies. For a pedestrian or cyclist, someone without steel framing or airbags, even small increases in speed dramatically increase the likelihood of death.

In 2024, speeding claimed 237 lives in Colorado. Many of those were vulnerable road users: people walking, biking, or simply trying to get home safely.

SB26-035 addresses speeding in a way that is focused and practical.

The bill creates escalating consequences for repeat speeding violations: adding additional points for second, third, and subsequent offenses. It requires repeat offenders to appear in court rather than simply mailing in a fine. That shift matters. When someone repeatedly chooses to drive at dangerous speeds, it is no longer a one-time mistake. It is a pattern of high-risk behavior.

For vulnerable road users, that pattern can be deadly.

The bill also strengthens penalties for illegal passing in no-passing zones. This behavior often accompanies excessive speed and puts cyclists directly in harm's way on rural and mountain roads.

At The White Line, we work every day to prevent traffic violence before it happens. We believe accountability for repeat speeding is prevention. Clear standards are prevention. Data-driven interventions are prevention.

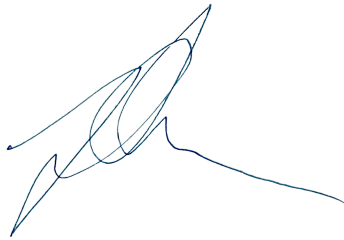
Magnus should still be here. His family should not have to carry this loss.

SB26-035 will not bring him back. But it can help protect the next cyclist riding on a Colorado shoulder. It can help protect the pedestrian in a crosswalk. It can help interrupt dangerous behavior before it becomes another tragedy.

On behalf of The White Line and the families we represent, I respectfully ask for your support.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to safer streets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jacqueline Claudia', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jacqueline Claudia
Executive Director
The White Line