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At Transportation Committee Hearing, Massachusetts Lawmakers, Advocates Will Call to End Debt-Based Driving Restrictions

Rep. Brandy Fluker-Reid and Sen. Julian Cyr, advocates and Massachusetts residents directly impacted by debt-based driver's license suspensions to testify in support of the Road to Opportunity Act

BOSTON — A coalition of advocates working to end debt-based driving restrictions will testify before the **Joint Committee on Transportation** on **Tuesday, July 8 at 11:00 am** at the **Massachusetts State House**.

Massachusetts is in the minority of states that still suspend driver's licenses for failure to pay fines and fees. License suspensions as a result of outstanding E-ZPass fees, parking tickets, and other infractions unrelated to road safety can devastate low-income families and needlessly entangle them in the criminal legal system. These suspensions also hamper economic growth, undermine public safety, and destabilize the lives of low-income workers and survivors of domestic violence.

The Road to Opportunity Act (S.2368/H.3662) would end debt-based driving restrictions, to the benefit of safe drivers and their families, the Massachusetts economy, and overburdened courts.

Who:

- Representative Brandy Fluker-Reid (D-12th Suffolk)
- Senator Julian Cyr (D-Cape and Islands)
- Impacted constituents
- [National Consumer Law Center](#)
- [Greater Boston Legal Services](#)
- [Committee for Public Counsel Services](#)
- [ACLU Massachusetts](#)
- [Fines and Fees Justice Center](#)

What: State legislators, advocates, and directly impacted individuals will testify in support of S.2368/H.3662, *An Act to increase opportunity by ending debt-based driving restrictions*.

Where: Massachusetts State House, Hearing Room A-1, 24 Beacon St. Boston, MA 02133

When: Tuesday, July 8 at 11:00 am ET

To speak to one of the advocates or lawmakers in advance of the hearing, please contact Kristen Bor-Zale (KBorZale@gbls.org).

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The Road to Opportunity Act Coalition Steering Committee is comprised of the ACLU of Massachusetts, the Committee for Public Counsel Services, the Fines and Fees Justice Center, Greater Boston Legal Services, the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action, LivableStreets Alliance, and the National Consumer Law Center.