

Testimony of
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S.B. 500 – An Act Concerning Highway Work Zone Safety

Good afternoon Senator DeFronzo, Representative Guerrera and members of the Transportation Committee. My name is Kim Sheehan and I am the daughter of Robert Mugford, who was killed on August 5, 2005, while doing his job as a Department of Transportation (DOT) worker.

I am here today to support the new legislation that is being presented, S.B. 500. We have to get drivers to understand that these men and women who work on our highways have families and these families would like to see them come home at the end of the day. A message needs to get out to all drivers that you have to pay attention when there is a work zone and if they don't there will be severe consequences, as I feel right now the consequences are not severe enough.

Unfortunately, when drivers see the DOT on the highway they think of it as an inconvenience, rather than a work zone with people working inches away from their speeding cars. We need to penalize drivers who don't pay attention and speed through work zones. I encourage all of you to seriously consider the bill in front of you today so another family does not have to experience the death of a loved one.

Thank you.