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Testimony of Representative Susan Johnson
Transportation Committee Public Hearing
February 11th, 2015

Regarding: HB 6326 An Act Concerning Safe Streets In Local Historic Districts

Thank you to the Transportation Committee for bringing this bill to the public hearing today. HB 6326 would ensure the safety and wellbeing of both drivers and pedestrians within the constraints of local historic districts.

Historic districts across the state have been long impacted by speeding vehicles. Many of these locations were once villages with originally dirt paths for roads. Upon the installation of highways and other major roadways in this area, we have seen increased speeds. In addition to the hazard elevated speeds present, fast moving cars are also nosier. Therefore, events held within these districts are often disrupted. In my district, the Windham Center Green rarely has events on site due to the noise of speeding cars.

It is practical to ask that speeds in historic districts be limited to 30 miles per hour and the area as a whole be designated as a "no passing" zone. These regulations would benefit historic districts in respect to their overall appeal and safety .

I thank you for your consideration of HB 6326. Please feel free to contact my office should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Johnson".

Representative Susan Johnson