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To the Members of the House Transportation Committee

My name is Steve White. I reside in Bozeman, Montana. I presently serve as the Legislative Liaison for the Montana Coalition of Home Educators, a statewide organization of home schooling families dedicated to raising and educating their children to be productive and successful citizens in our state and country.

This testimony is presented in support of HB673.

Presently Montana students in all educational venues are only able to obtain driver education from programs offered by the local school district. The passage of this bill would allow parents to seek qualification to administer their own program.

This is a positive change to our statutes.

There are still some districts that do not allow non-public students to take this important course.

Montana is a rural state. Often, families live a great distance from where the instruction is available. This would save them the travel distance.

This bill will not establish private driver education programs, but simply addresses an important issue of allowing parents the opportunity to become qualified to teach their own children.

Please support HB673.

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