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Good Morning, my name is Stacie Wolf Black and I live in Billings, MT

I am young, I am a female, and I am a Native American that is why I am here this morning to urge you to pass House Bill 781 Data Collocation for Racial Profiling. **I believe that Montana's' Racial profiling laws need to have accountability and transparency.**

I am going to read on behalf of my friend Shawn, who could not be here today out of fear of retaliation.

In the later winter of 2005, I was stopped by a Billings Police officer for a broken tail light. I was unaware that the light was broken and promptly had it fixed. Since the incident, this fairly routine traffic stop has bothered me.

I am a Native American man. I am a professional, which is to say I have a good job that pays well, I am educated, and have a good reputation in my community for the work that I do.

At first, my stop seemed normal (as normal as being stopped by the police can be). The officer explained why he pulled me over and asked for my license, registration, and insurance. I handed him all these things. He returned to his car and after a few minutes, he returned, handed me back my documentation and gave me a warning for the broken taillight. All this time his tone had been decent-not polite, but not rude either. Next the officer did something that continues to bother me; before walking back to his patrol car he asked, "Do you have a job?" in a very condescending tone. Before I could really process the question, I answered him affirmatively.

I was given a warning, which carries no monetary fine. I was dressed well and drive a nice car...why in the world would this officer ask me a question like that...with a tone like that?

For this one story there are hundreds more, I urge you to pass House Bill 781 Data Collocation for Racial Profiling.