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## Testimony - AB 337

## **Assembly Committee on Transportation**

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Thank you, Chairman Ripp and members of the Committee, for holding a hearing today on Assembly Bill 337. I appreciate the opportunity to come before you and express my support for this commonsense legislation.

AB 337 simply requires that drivers use their headlights during periods of poor visibility and adverse weather conditions while driving on Wisconsin roads.

Current law only requires drivers to have their lights on during hours of darkness. Wisconsin is one of only three states (HI, KY, and WI) that do not require drivers to have their lights on in times of low visibility or adverse driving conditions.

This issue was brought to my attention by concerned constituents wondering why so many drivers were not using their headlights during heavy fog, rain, and snow. They feel that being unable to see oncoming traffic or cars crossing the road in bad weather is very dangerous.

My goal in proposing this legislation is to address my constituents' concerns and to help make our state's roadways safer for all Wisconsin drivers.

I would like to thank Senator Marklein for working with me on this commonsense legislation and co-authoring AB 337. Also, I would like to thank Grant County Sheriff Nate Dreckman for being here to testify in support of this legislation.

I hope you will join me in supporting AB 337 and I would be more than happy to take questions at this time.