

Senator Outreach Letter

Subject: Request for sponsorship and bill drafting — Lawful Travel, Reciprocity, and Due Process Act

Senator [Last Name],

Please consider sponsoring and submitting for bill drafting the attached proposal titled the **Lawful Travel, Reciprocity, and Due Process Act**. In the STATE OF _____, legislation for introduction is drafted through the Legislature Code _____ process at the request of a legislator or other authorized requester, and the practical path for a citizen proposal is to secure a willing legislative sponsor.

The proposal is designed to protect lawful travel, improve constitutional compliance in traffic enforcement, clarify recognition of qualifying nonresident and foreign-registration exemptions, and reduce mistaken or unnecessary towing, impoundment, and escalation. It does not create immunity from public-safety laws, criminal laws, speed restrictions, reckless-driving laws, impaired-driving laws, or lawful officer orders, and it preserves enforcement where there is an independent lawful basis.

The proposal also includes stop-basis disclosure, neutral-treatment requirements, body-camera and record-preservation provisions, prompt review for towing and impoundment, public education on the difference between registration, licensing, and recognized reciprocity provisions, and clear treatment of passports as lawful proof of identity without converting a passport into operating authority.

Attached below are:

- A statement of legislative intent.
- A one-page summary of the proposal and its statutory anchors.
- Full bill text prepared in sponsor-ready format for review and bill-drafting conversion.

Please advise whether your office will sponsor the proposal and submit it for drafting.

Respectfully,

[Your Name]

[City, State]

[Phone]

[Email]

Statement of Legislative Intent

This proposal is intended to protect lawful travel, improve constitutional compliance in traffic enforcement, and reduce mistaken or unnecessary enforcement actions involving persons operating private-use automobiles or vehicles lawfully registered in another jurisdiction. The proposal clarifies that the STATE OF _____ continues to enforce all laws concerning public safety, including speed restrictions, reckless or negligent driving, impaired operation, fraudulent conduct, registration fraud, equipment violations, criminal offenses, and lawful orders of peace officers, while requiring that enforcement actions rest on independent lawful grounds rather than on status labels, descriptive terminology, passport possession, or assertions of private capacity, nationality, or reciprocity.

The proposal is further intended to require clear notice of the basis for a traffic stop, improve officer training, preserve records, create prompt review procedures for towing and impoundment, and provide neutral treatment of persons who assert constitutional rights or use unusual legal or political terminology. The proposal does not create a blanket exemption from licensing, registration, titling, insurance, or criminal law; instead, it directs that existing state and federal law be administered fairly, accurately, and consistently with constitutional guarantees and recognized statutory exemptions.

One-Page Summary

Proposal title

Lawful Travel, Reciprocity, and Due Process Act.

Purpose

The proposal updates the law of the STATE OF _____ to require neutral, documented, and constitutionally grounded treatment of traffic-stop and registration-enforcement matters, especially where a vehicle may qualify under the state's nonresident and foreign-registration exemption provisions.

Main provisions

- Clarifies recognition and verification procedures for vehicles that may qualify under STATE CODE _____.
- States that no person is exempt from laws concerning speed, reckless or negligent driving, impaired driving, fraud, criminal conduct, or lawful traffic-officer orders.
- Requires an officer to state the basis for a stop at the earliest reasonable opportunity and document any material change in basis.
- Requires neutral treatment and bars adverse inference based solely on labels, unusual political terminology, asserted private capacity, nationality-related language, or presentation of lawful identity documents absent independent articulable facts.
- Preserves the ability to verify identity, operating privilege, and exemption status through lawful records checks, while clarifying that old or inactive records are not conclusive by

themselves.

- Creates prompt review and reimbursement mechanisms for mistaken towing or impoundment involving qualifying vehicles.
- Requires body-camera and related record preservation upon timely request and improves traffic-stop reporting and public education.
- Adds automated plate-reader safeguards, access controls, audit requirements, and correction procedures.
- Recognizes that a U.S. passport book or passport card is proof of identity and citizenship, while preserving the rule that identity documents do not themselves substitute for operator licensing where licensing is otherwise required by law.

Core statutory anchors

Topic	Placeholder authority
Definitions of operator and motor vehicle	STATE CODE _____
Commercial motor vehicle definition	STATE CODE _____
Unregistered vehicle prohibition	STATE CODE _____
Nonresident and foreign-registration exemption	STATE CODE _____
License carrying requirement	STATE CODE _____
Operating while suspended or revoked	STATE CODE _____
Investigatory stop standard	STATE CODE _____
Training authority	STATE CODE _____
Body-camera retention	STATE CODE _____
Federal nationality definitions	8 U.S.C. §§ 1101, 1401, 1503
State DMV passport identity use	STATE CODE _____ or agency guidance
U.S. passport book/card citizenship and identity use	U.S. State Department passport guidance

Requested action from sponsor

The requested action is for the senator to submit the proposal through the Legislature Code _____ drafting process for preparation of an official bill draft, review the resulting draft for statutory fit and policy preference, and circulate the final draft for co-sponsorship and introduction in the STATE OF _____.