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Lingamfelter Calls for “Abuser Fee” Repeal

Constituents Desire Another Approach

Woodbridge— Delegate L. Scott Lingamfelter (R—Prince William, Fauquier) today called for the repeal of the abusive driver fees, enacted as a part of the transportation compromise in the 2007 legislative session.

Lingamfelter issued the following statement today:

“As I have gone door-to-door visiting with constituents, I have concluded that the abuser fee bill is beyond repair.

First, while it does focus on abusive drivers, the manner in which these fees are implemented is at best complicated. Moreover, if we toughen laws against abusive drivers, it must apply to everybody, not just Virginians.

Second, the focus of an abuser bill should be on improving safety, not roads. Bad driving is in large measure a law enforcement problem. I think the focus should be there. If you want to use the money to improve traffic safety, fine. But the law should be focused on bad driving, not bad roads.

I support a repeal of the abuser bill. We should do that as soon as we can. But we should also continue to crack down on bad driving by strengthening the penalties for those who think it’s their right to endanger the rest of us. But the abuser fees bill doesn’t appear to be the best approach to that end.”

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