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**Written Support of Senate Bill 309**  
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Thank you for the opportunity to register support for SB 309, which would create a 2 year pilot program allowing counties to opt in, using new technology to detect drugged drivers.

Drugged driving is an emerging issue and one where we are still gathering facts. We do know that alcohol remains the number one drug on the roadways causing death. It is important to make sure that law enforcement and our criminal justice system have the necessary resources to address the issue of drug impaired driving.

Also, as this bill includes the ability of the driver to opt out of testing and the fact that the results could not be used as evidence or probably cause we feel this pilot program will truly bring to light the dangers of drugged driving on our roadways. Not only will it show the dangers, but also give law enforcement the opportunities to use some of the new technology now available.

That is why MADD supports the intent of SB 309. As you know, MADD wholeheartedly supports members of law enforcement and we want to make sure that they have every tool available to stop drunk and or drugged drivers. Drugged driving is an emerging issue. We still are learning about drugs, impairment, and what all of this means to a driver.

MADD also supports initiatives like the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program and the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) program which equips law enforcement officers with training necessary to detect, stop, and arrest drugged drivers.

We support SB 309 because it could be another way to help stop death and injury by getting impaired drivers off the road.

Thank you.