

*Dear Councilor Schneider:*

*I urge your cooperation in opposing Proposal No. 403. Such referenced fees levied on drivers for deployment of public safety services is discriminatory, unthinkable, and unfair. Working on the northside of downtown, having been a resident of Marion County for many years, and currently working in the insurance industry has prompted me to write in opposition to such a poorly idealized proposal.*

*There are several problems with adding a municipal surcharge on drivers for the deployment of public safety services. First, it is morally wrong to let the discretion to respond to an accident up to the police if injury or death is not involved. I serve on the Board of Directors for the Brain Injury Association of Indiana. Many car crashes show no sign of visual injury, when in fact, a brain injury may have occurred. I am a living example of that. By passing Proposal No. 403, it is certain that you would be hurting many more Hoosiers than you may realize by not allowing them the legal outlet of police involvement and recovering damages from a wrongdoer. Even minor fender benders can cause mild brain injury and whiplash which may render a person unable to work and remain a productive person in society. I do know several folks to which this has happened.*

*Next, for those folks who either don't have the money or don't want to pay, the surcharge has the potential to induce people to leave the scene of the accident. Lastly, it places the decision of who will be getting billed for the deployment into the police officer's hands.*

*Please, I urge you, as an elective body by the people, to not place us, the public, in more harm emotionally, physically, and financially by passing Proposal No. 403. Thank you for your time and consideration.*

*Darcy Keith*