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I am OPPOSED to Senate Bill 886

My name is Hilary Packer-McGowan

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Driver Education is very important in Michigan to our Graduated Licensing System and the lives of our teenagers and their families. I believe our students deserve the best teachers that we can produce.

Senate Bill 886 provides for changes in our Driver Education Instructor Preparation law that would greatly degrade the quality of the new instructors completing the Driver Education Instructor Preparation Program. These new teachers need time to learn the curriculum and apply it in the classroom and in the behind-the-wheel lessons.

I believe is it best that the Instructors of this program have a Master's degree in education as they are educating a large number of non-teacher participants. The Instructors of the Instructor Preparation classes need many years of experience in both Driver Education classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction.

Driver Education programs need instructors that are well educated and ready to teach when hired. Providers do not have time or resources to conduct additional training. It would be best, from an education perspective, for these new teachers to go through each class, one at a time and spend more than one week in each class with their instructor.

I'm not in favor of an online format for a Driver Education course. The teachers need hands-on experiences just like the teenage students.