

**[J-66A-2023, J-66B-2023, J-66C-2023 and J-66D-2023] [MO: Dougherty, J.]
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
MIDDLE DISTRICT**

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,	:	No. 4 MAP 2023
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Appellee	:	Appeal from the Order of the
	:	Superior Court dated June 28, 2022
v.	:	at 1582 MDA 2021 Affirming the
	:	Judgment of Sentence of the Union
	:	County Court of Common Pleas,
	:	Criminal Division, dated November
DANIEL D. CHISEBWE,	:	5, 2021 at No. CP-60-SA-0000018-
	:	2021.
Appellant	:	
	:	ARGUED: November 29, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,	:	No. 5 MAP 2023
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Appellee	:	Appeal from the Order of the
	:	Superior Court dated June 28, 2022
v.	:	at 1583 MDA 2021 Affirming the
	:	Judgment of Sentence of the Union
	:	County Court of Common Pleas,
	:	Criminal Division, dated November
DANIEL D. CHISEBWE,	:	5, 2021 at CP-60-SA-0000019-
	:	2021.
Appellant	:	
	:	ARGUED: November 29, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,	:	No. 6 MAP 2023
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Appellee	:	Appeal from the Order of the
	:	Superior Court dated June 28, 2022
v.	:	at 1584 MDA 2021 Affirming the
	:	Judgment of Sentence of the Union
	:	County Court of Common Pleas,
	:	Criminal Division, dated November
DANIEL D. CHISEBWE,	:	5, 2021 at CP-60-SA-0000020-
	:	2021.
Appellant	:	
	:	ARGUED: November 29, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,	:	No. 7 MAP 2023
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Appellee	:	Appeal from the Order of the
	:	Superior Court dated June 28, 2022
	:	at 1585 MDA 2021 Affirming the
v.	:	Judgment of Sentence of the Union
	:	County Court of Common Pleas,
	:	Criminal Division, dated November
DANIEL D. CHISEBWE,	:	5, 2021 at CP-60-SA-0000021-
	:	2021.
Appellant	:	
	:	ARGUED: November 29, 2023

CONCURRING OPINION

JUSTICE MUNDY

DECIDED: February 21, 2024

I join the majority opinion in full. Its reading of Sections 1311 and 1511 of the Vehicle Code is consistent with the underlying legislative intent to ensure public safety. First, safety is enhanced when the police can verify that the drivers on this Commonwealth’s roadways are properly licensed and traveling in registered vehicles. Second, and as the majority observes, traffic stops are inherently hazardous in multiple ways. See Majority Op. at 12. The officer standing near the driver’s door of the stopped vehicle is in danger from passing cars. And due to the need for other drivers to change lanes, the movement of traffic is disrupted. Minimizing the time of these disruptions is of utmost importance. If, as occurred here, a driver delays compliance and backup is needed, the backup officers are placed in danger from passing traffic – and they are also pulled away from responding to other emergencies. Construing Sections 1311 and 1511 of the Vehicle Code in favor of Appellant would degrade public safety and run counter to the manifest intent of the General Assembly.

Justice Brobson joins this concurring opinion.