# Over 250 Public Health, Safety and Consumer Organizations and Crash Victims' Families Representing Every State Urge DRIVE Act (H.R. 22) Conferees to Advance Safety

# Don't Sacrifice Safety for Special Industry Interests

Lives are at Stake -- Surface Transportation Policy will be Set for the Next 6 Years – Without Changes Nearly 200,000 People Will Be Needlessly Killed and 12 Million Injured in Crashes

November 13, 2015

#### Dear Conferee:

As representatives of the nation's leading consumer, public health, and safety organizations, and families who have had loved ones killed in preventable motor vehicle and motor carrier crashes, we are writing to express our continuing concerns and strong objections to the House and Senate highway reauthorization bills' failure to advance needed public safety laws and programs. As you begin conference negotiations to harmonize the language in the two bills, we urge you to remove anti-safety provisions and include commonsense and cost-effective safety improvements. Without your efforts to ensure critical changes to address the rising carnage on our roads and highways, the next surface transportation reauthorization bill could turn out to be the most anti-safety transportation legislation ever enacted into law.

For 25 years, the surface transportation reauthorization bill has been a laudable, bi-partisan effort to advance sound, sensible and cost-saving proposals resulting in safer cars and trucks, safer drivers and safer roads. As a result, laws were enacted that: ensured airbags became standard equipment in the front seat of all passenger vehicles and a freeze on the spread of double and triple-trailer trucks in every state was achieved (1991); created a national zero tolerance blood alcohol content (BAC) law for underage drinking and driving (1995); required advanced airbags and initiated incentive grants for occupant protection and stronger drunk driving laws (1998); developed requirements for vehicle safety standards resulting in electronic stability control technology on every vehicle, improved roof strength, ejection mitigation, and mandatory truck safety improvements (2005); and, advanced motorcoach safety improvements for basic occupant safety protections such as seatbelts, roof crush prevention and occupant ejection protections (2012). In stark contrast, 2015 marks the year that the highway reauthorization bill does little to address the well-known issues and workable solutions to deadly safety problems, and also throws safety in reverse by omitting critically needed safety measures and including repeals of existing safety rules.

We urge you to remedy the following safety issues during Conference:

<u>Exemptions:</u> Provisions to allow teen drivers to get behind the wheel of an 80,000 pound rig or bus and operate in interstate commerce must be removed. This misguided idea was resoundingly rejected by DOT ten years ago because of overwhelming opposition and compelling research showing the unacceptable high crash risk of young drivers. Previous studies have shown intrastate CMV drivers under the age of 19 are four times more likely to be involved in fatal crashes, and CMV drivers between the ages of 19-20 are six times more likely to

be involved in fatal crashes. A sensible outcome would be to strike the pilot program for teen bus and truck drivers and substitute it with a study of the safety of intrastate truck drivers before launching this program.

Additionally, provisions to hide from public view the safety scores of unsafe motor carriers including passenger bus companies benefit only carriers with poor safety scores. Keeping consumers in the dark about the safety of their families as they drive on roadways or as their children are transported on school field trips is unacceptable and must be stricken from the bill.

Moreover, we oppose all of the many exemptions to truck size and weight limits and truck driver hours of service requirements, as well as the burdensome regulatory roadblocks which impede safety advances.

<u>Inadequate Penalties:</u> There have been ten Congressional hearings on vehicle safety defect issues during the 113<sup>th</sup> and 114<sup>th</sup> Congresses, yet Congress has not taken any meaningful or corrective actions to stop auto industry cover-up and to hold corporations accountable. Manufacturers who knowingly conceal vehicle safety defects or sell a dangerously defective vehicle should be subject to criminal penalties, as is the case under many other federal consumer enforcement laws. Higher fines and criminal sanctions are needed to prevent manufacturers from viewing penalties as just another cost of doing business.

Increase National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Funding Levels: NHTSA is drastically underfunded, receiving only one percent of the overall DOT budget even though 95 percent of transportation-related fatalities and 99 percent of transportation injuries occur on our streets and highways. There are few, if any, products on the U.S. market that have a greater impact on the public health of Americans than the automobile. In addition, their economic impact is extraordinary, with new and used cars representing over \$1 trillion in sales and \$14 billion in advertising. Yet with so many lives, injuries and consumer dollars at stake, Congress is choosing to underfund the one agency that has the potential to reduce the tragic toll vehicles take on America's public health. Pending language slashes authorization levels for carrying out the mission of NHTSA by a total of \$90 million over 6 years. There is an urgent need to correct NHTSA's chronic underfunding, and not to further hobble the agency's safety and oversight mission.

Eliminate Loopholes to Rental Car Recalls and Include Used Cars: It is necessary to fix loopholes in the bill language that limit consumer protection from defective vehicles only to companies that rent cars as their primary business. Customers of car dealerships that provide loaner or rental cars need the same safety recall protection, but dealerships would be exempted under this provision. Likewise, purchasers of used cars should not be imperiled by a safety recall the car dealer knows about but refuses to repair.

**Remove Bureaucracy and Roadblocks to Safety Rulemaking:** Mandating numerous wasteful studies and industry-stacked Councils, Regulatory Negotiation committees and additional bureaucratic hurdles and procedures impose roadblocks to needed safety rules by NHTSA and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). The unnecessary impediments must be eliminated.

Advance Child Safety: The final bill should include provisions requiring NHTSA to issue safety rules to prevent serious injury or death to children and other passengers in rear seats of vehicles. There is an urgent need to improve front seat back strength because seat backs have been shown to fail even in low speed crashes killing and maiming children in the rear seat who are restrained. The current federal vehicle safety standard has not been changed since it was first adopted in 1967. Furthermore, it is time that NHTSA moves forward on a rule requiring a reminder system for children inadvertently left behind in a vehicle. Children are needlessly dying while the adoption of available life-saving technology is delayed.

Considering the record recalls involving over 100 million vehicles over the last two years for vehicle defects which led to at least 200 preventable deaths, corporate cover-ups, and an unacceptable mortality and morbidity toll each year of 33,000 deaths and over 2 million injuries, this bill is a unique opportunity to advance bipartisan safety solutions. Unless significant changes are made to the bill, it will seriously imperil public safety

for the next six years and beyond. We urge you to take action that will save lives and spare families, and not succumb to special interest roll backs that jeopardize safety on our nation's highways.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Gillan, President

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety

Georges C. Benjamin, MD

**Executive Director** 

American Public Health Association

Jack Gillis, Director of Public Affairs

Consumer Federation of America

Rosemary Shahan, President

Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety

Clarence M. Ditlow, Executive Director

Center for Auto Safety

Steve Barrow, President & CEO

Advocates for Health Economics and Development Co-Chair California Unintentional Injury Prevention

Strategic Plan Project

Joan Claybrook, Co-Chair

Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways

Former NHTSA Administrator

Janette Fennell, Founder and President

KidsAndCars.org

Andrew McGuire, Executive Director

Trauma Foundation

Gary Smith, President

Child Injury Prevention Alliance

John Lannen, Executive Director

Truck Safety Coalition

Vice Chair, Motor Carrier Safety Advisory

Committee (MCSAC)

Sally Greenberg, Executive Director

National Consumers League

And over 250 family and friends of car, truck and bus crash victims and survivors and victim advocacy organizations:

Carol (Cally) Houck

Oiai, CA

Mother of Raechel and Jacqueline Houck Killed in a rental car under recall with unrepaired safety defect 10/07/04

Laura Christian

Harwood, MD

Volunteer Advocate

Birth mother of Amber Marie Rose

Killed due to the GM ignition switch defect 07/29/05

Linda Wilburn Weatherford, OK

Board Member, Parents Against Tired Truckers (PATT)

Mother of Orbie Wilburn Killed in a truck crash 9/2/02

Beth Badger

Columbus, GA

Volunteer, Truck Safety Coalition (TSC)

Daughter of Bill Badger

Killed in a truck crash12/23/04

**Russ Swift** 

Port St. Lucie, FL Co-chair, PATT

Father of Jasen Swift

Killed in a truck crash 10/14/93

Kate Brown Gurnee, IL

Volunteer, TSC

Mother of Graham Brown Injured in a truck crash 5/2/05

Ron Wood

Washington, D.C.

Son of Betsy Wood, Brother of Lisa Wood Martin,

Uncle of Chance, Brock, and Reid Martin

Killed in a truck crash 9/20/04

Amy Fletcher

Perrysburg, OH

Volunteer, TSC

Wife of John Fletcher

Killed in a truck crash 1/24/12

Alan Dana Plattsburgh, NY Volunteer, TSC

Son of Janet Dana, Uncle of Caitlyn & Lauryn Dana,

Brother-in-law of Laurie Dana Killed in a truck crash 7/19/12

Kim Telep Harrisburg, PA Volunteer, TSC Wife of Bradley Telep

Killed in a truck crash 8/29/12

Dawn King Davisburg, MI President, TSC

Board, Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways (CRASH)

Daughter of Bill Badger Killed in truck crash 12/23/04

Jamie Frei Quakerstown, PA

Injured marine, spent 29 days in a coma Injured by GM ignition switch defect

December, 2006

Dori Phillips Houston, TX

Wife of Adam Powledge, mother to Jacob,

Blake and Isaac and sister Rachel All killed by a GM Malibu defect

Houston, TX

Margie Beskau Wisconsin

Mother of Amy Rademaker

Killed due to GM ignition switch defect

October, 2006

Doye and David Carroll

Tyler, Texas

Advocates, KidsAndCars.org

Grandparents of Riley Hays, died in a hot car 9-6-2005 (age 2 years, 2 months, 4 days) Grandparents of Allen Hall, killed on bicycle 4-16-2012 (age 15 years, 2 months, 4 days)

Friends of Mackenzie Leigh Daughtry, backed over by her mom 11-5-2015 (age 2 years, 7 months, 6 days) Cindy Southern Cleveland, TN Volunteer, TSC

Wife of James Whitaker, sister-in-law Anthony Hixon

and aunt of Amber Hixon Killed in a truck crash 9/18/09

Lisa Shrum Fayette, MO Volunteer, TSC

Daughter of Virginia Baker, Step-daughter Randy Baker

Killed in a truck crash 10/10/06

Jane Mathis St. Augustine, FL

Vice President, TSC, Board Member, PATT

Member, MCSAC

Mother of David, Mother-in-Law Mary Kathryn Mathis

Killed in a truck crash 3/25/04

Lisa Morgan Goad Palmyra, WI Mother of Justin Go

Mother of Justin Goad

Killed by defective GM Impala

November, 2007

Daryl Kennedy Chansuthus

Murfreesboro, TN

Mother of Hasaya Seyde Chansuthus Killed by GM ignition switch defect

December 2009 Murfreesboro, TN

Kimberly Prouty Vance

Marion, OH

Mother of Ashley Vance

Killed due to GM ignition switch defect

January 31, 2012

Jodie Edwards

Liberty Township, OH

Parent Advocate, KidsandCars.org

Parent of Jenna Edwards, died in a hot car 8/20/08

Sue Auriemma Manhasset, NY

VP, KidsAndCars.org

Daughter survived being backed over 05/27/2005

Lili Zhao & Ramesh Mallina

Ashburn, VA

Parents of Jessita, left in a hot car, but survived

Judy Berrocal

Orem, UT

Parent Advocate, Compassionate Friends

Parent of: Ivan "Diego" Quintanilla died in backed over on 11/20/1977

Michelle Stuyvesant

Garland, TX

Mother of Michael Stuyvesant

injured in hot car accident 06/10/2015

Amy Chatten-Wiley

Marshfield, MO

Sister to Aaron Chatten to whom lost his little girl,

Madison, to a backover, and later died in a car crash.

Ken Rimer

Hammon, WI

Stepfather of Natasha Weigel

Killed due to GM ignition switch defect

October, 2006

Ellen Adams

Jacksonville, FL

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Mother of Ashleigh, backed over and killed in 2004 Loss caused Ashleigh's father to take his own life

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Greensburg, PA

Richard M. Carver

Injured due to GM ignition switch defect

October, 2011

Tami Friedrich Trakh

Corona, CA

Board Member, CRASH, Member, MCSAC

Sister of Kris Mercurio, Sister-in-Law of Alan Mercurio,

Aunt of Brandie Rooker & Anthony Mercurio

Killed in a truck crash 12/27/89

Larry Liberatore

Severn, MD

Board Member, PATT

Father of Nick Liberatore

Killed in a truck crash 6/9/97

Lindsey Mack Independence, MO

Volunteer, KidsAndCars.org

Paul and Judy Neiman

West Richland, WA

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Parents of Sydnee Neiman, backed over and killed

by her Mother on 12/08/2011 at the young age of 9

Arden Rosenfeld

Boca Raton, FL

Parent Advocate

Daughter Veronica Rosenfeld, backed over and killed

Kim Coburn

Bossier city, LA

EMT-P, Injury Prevention, Bossier Parish EMS

Cherie Sharkey

Queensbury, NY

Mother of Michael Starkey

Killed by GM ignition switch defect

June 21, 2012

Phil & Cheryl Bransom

Portland, OR

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Parent of Douglas Bransom, died in a frontover accident.

Mary Lou Powledge

Houston, TX

Mother of Adam Powledge, grandmother to

Jacob, Blake and Isaac and sister Rachel

All killed by a GM Malibu defect

Jennifer Tierney

Kernersville, NC

Board Member, CRASH

Member, MCSAC

Daughter of James Mooney

Killed in a truck crash 9/20/83

Daphne Izer

Lisbon, ME

Founder, PATT

Mother of Jeff Izer

Killed in a truck crash 10/10/93

Julie Branon Magnan South Burlington, VT

Injured in a truck crash 01/31/02

Wife of David Magnan

Killed in a truck crash 01/31/02

Sandra Lance Chesterfield, VA Volunteer, TSC

Mother of Kristen Belair

Killed in a truck crash 8/26/09

Steve Izer Lisbon, ME

Board Member, PATT Father of Jeff Izer

Killed in a truck crash 10/10/93

Bruce King Davisburg, MI Volunteer, TSC

Son-in-law of Bill Badger

Killed in truck crash 12/23/04

Vincent and Kathleen Laubach

Volunteer, TSC Reno, NV

Volunteer, Truck Safety Coalition

Truck Crash Survivor

Ed Slattery Lutherville, MD

Board Member, PATT Husband of Susan Slattery Killed in a truck crash 8/16/10

Sons Matthew & Peter Slattery critically injured

Nancy Meuleners Bloomington, MN

Injured in a truck crash 12/19/89

Marchelle Wood Falls Church, VA Volunteer, TSC Mother of Dana Wood

Killed in a truck crash 10/15/02

Gary Wilburn Weatherford, OK Volunteer, TSC

Father of Orbie Wilburn Killed in a truck crash 9/2/02

Jackie Novak Edneyville, NC

Volunteer, Truck Safety Coalition Mother of Charles "Chuck" Novak Killed in a truck crash 10/24/10

Paul Badger Davidson, NC Volunteer, TSC Son of Bill Badger

Killed in truck crash 12/23/04

Tina Silva Ontario, CA

Sister of Kris Mercurio, Sister-in-Law of Alan Mercurio,

Aunt of Brandie Rooker & Anthony Mercurio

Killed in a truck crash 12/27/89

Laurie Higginbotham Memphis, TN

Volunteer, TSC

Mother of Michael Higginbotham Killed in a truck crash, 11/18/14

Marc Johnson Volunteer, TSC Hartwell, GA

Brother of Curt Johnson

Killed in truck crash 10/1/2009

Marianne Karth Rocky Mount, NC

Founder, AnnaLeah & Mary for Truck Safet

Mother of AnnaLeah and Mary Karth

Killed in a truck crash 5/4/13 Injured in a truck crash 5/4/13

Henry Steck Homer, NY Volunteer, TSC

Melissa Gouge Washington, D.C. Volunteer, TSC

Cousin of Amy Corbin

Killed in a truck crash 8/18/97

Frank Wood Falls Church, VA Volunteer, TSC Father of Dana Wood

Killed in a truck crash 10/15/02

Jerry Karth Rocky Mount, NC

Volunteer, TSC

Founder, AnnaLeah & Mary for Truck Safety

Father of AnnaLeah and Mary Karth

Killed in a truck crash 5/4/13

Vickie Johnson Hartwell, GA Volunteer, TSC

Wife of Curt Johnson, Step-mother of Crystal Johnson

Killed in a truck crash 10/1/2009

Gloria Cruz Plains, PA

Injured to GM ignition switch defect

Jill Kennedy Seattle, WA

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking

died in a hot car 7/23/2009

James Rose

Indian Head, MD

Father of Amber Marie Rose

Killed by GM ignition switch defect

July 2005

Anna Knapp Saxonbury, PA

Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking

Died in a hot car 7/23/2009

Rebecca Dickerson

Oak Ridge, TN

Mother of Jaanai Dickerson Killed by Toyota defect

June 2013

Kim Wallin

Tennessee

Injured due to GM ignition switch defect

December, 2013

Christina Mahaney

Jackman, ME Volunteer, TSC

Injured in a truck crash 7/19/2011

Mother of Liam Mahaney

Killed in a truck crash 7/19/2011

Randall Higginbotham

Memphis, TN

Volunteer, TSC

Father of Michael Higginbotham

Killed in a truck crash, 11/18/14

Nanci J Hartland

Savannah, GA

Injured due to GM ignition switch defect

Jack and Melissa Kennedy

Largo, FL

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking

died in a hot car 7/23/2009

Theresa O'Malley Ruddy

Scranton, PA

Mother of Kelly Ruddy

Killed by GM ignition switch defect

January 2010

Michele Terry

Maypearl, TX

Parent Advocate, Kidsandcars.org

Mika Terry (daughter) died in hot car 2005

Leo Ruddy

Scranton, PA

Father of Kelly Ruddy

Killed by GM ignition switch defect

January 2010

Michelle Bradford

Kansas City, MO

Sister of Tasha Bradford

Killed by GM ignition switch defect

December 21, 2008

AnnMarie Bartlett-Pszybylski St. James, NY Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org Parent of Robert Earl, son survived run -over Lost a kidney and other life threatening injuries April 2006

Cameron Dickerson
Oak Ridge, TN
Brother of Jaanai Dickerson
Killed by Toyota defect
June 2013

Beth Melton
Destin, FL
Parent of Brooke Melton
Killed by GM ignition switch defect
March, 2010

Ronald Proctor Tampa, FL Husband of Nephthys Fleming-Griffin Proctor Suffered permanent brain damage due to a GM ignition switch defect June 2012

Giovona Ralphs Roy, UT Sibling Advocate, KidsAndCars.org Sister of Dylan Bjorkman died in a hot car, Two days after my 12th birthday on 09/07/1998

Melody and Todd Costello Medina, OH Parent Advocates, KidsAndCars.org Parents of Tyler Costello who died in a hot car 7/29/2002

Gerri Gass Adams Mother of Lara Gass Killed by GM ignition switch defect March, 2014 Adams, TN

Jay Gass Father of Lara Gass Killed by GM ignition switch defect March, 2014 Adams, TN Robert Pszybylski St. James, NY Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org Parent of Robert Earl, son survived run -over Lost a kidney and other life threatening injuries April 2006

Nephthys Fleming-Griffin Proctor Tampa, FL Suffers permanent brain damage due to a GM ignition switch defect June 2012

Ken Melton Destin, FL Parent of Brooke Melton Killed by GM ignition switch defect March, 2010

Adriana Saunsoci Macy, NE Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, Vice Chairwoman Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org Parent of Ora RoseMary Springer Died in a back over on 08/03/2013

Michele Masek & Thomas Miller Stirling, NJ Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org Parent of Myles Masek Donnelly Died in a back over Molly Waugaman Fiancé of Richard M. Carver Injured due to GM ignition switch defect October, 2011 Greensburg, PA

Jayne Rimer Mother of Natasha Weigel Killed due to GM ignition switch defect October, 2006 Hammon, WI

Kim Wallin Injured due to GM ignition switch defect December, 2013 Tennessee

Wendy Powell Injured due to GM ignition switch defect 2006 Las Vegas, NV

Natasha Goodale-Berry Cousin of Amador Cortinas Killed due to GM ignition switch defect October 2013 Wilder, ID

Sam Raniolo Brother of Christian Raniolo Killed due to GM ignition switch defect October 2007 Kings Mountain, NC

Dierdre Averill Acebal Granddaughter of Jean Averill First victim killed by GM ignition switch defect December, 2003 Easley, SC

Rosie Cortinas Mother of Amador Cortinas Killed due to GM ignition switch defect October, 2013 Wilder, ID

Belinda Fox Spencer Stepmother of Leslie Spencer Killed by GM ignition switch defect December 2010 Peterstown, WV Stephanie Burns Wife of Patrick Burns Killed by GM defective ignition switch September, 2013 Franklin, KY

Christine Raniolo Mother of Christian Raniolo Killed due to GM ignition switch defect October 10,2007 Kings Mountain, NC

Leslie Gray Axsom Sister of Leigh Ann Gray Killed due to GM ignition switch defect 2006 Indianapolis, IN

Jennifer Gray Sister of Leigh Ann Gray Killed due to GM ignition switch defect 2006 Indianapolis, IN

LeAnn Storck Mother of Donny Storck Killed due to GM ignition switch defect April 22, 2010 Indianapolis, IN

Sergio DiBattista Step-Dad of Amber Marie Rose Killed by GM ignition switch defect July 2005 Conway, SC

Susan Hayes Mother of Ryan Quigley Killed by GM ignition switch defect December 30, 2011 Crown Point, NC

Stephanie Burns Wife of Patrick Burns Killed by GM ignition switch defect September 1, 2003 Franklin, KY Kim Langely Mother of Lt Crpl Richard Scott Bailey Killed by GM ignition switch defect April 21, 2008 Phoenix, AZ

Terry DiBattista Mother of Amber Marie Rose Killed due to GM ignition switch defect July 2006 Conway, SC

Renee Trautwein Mother of Sarah Trautwein Killed due to GM ignition switch defect November, 2009 Gilbert, SC

Monica Coronado Sister of Amador Cortinas Killed due to GM ignition switch defect October 2013 Wilder, ID

Derek Scarborough Newnan, GA CEO, VIKIE, Inc

Paola Potts Escondido, CA Founder and President, Sol-N-Air, Inc.

Brian and Amanda Bayers Louisville, KY Parent advocate, KidsAndCars.org Parent of Jackson Bayers that died in a backover accident in 2015

Susan Cohen
Leawood, KS
President, Americans For Older Driver Safety
Parent of Nathan Krasnopoler, killed in a bike lane by a medically impaired driver

Gena Topping, RN Santa Barbara, CA Injury Prevention, Outreach, and & Education Coordinator with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital

Bob Steffen St Louis, Mo Advocate for Child Safety Lindsey & Kyle Seitz Colorado Springs, CO Parent Advocates, KidsAndCars.org Parents of Benjamin Seitz who died in a hot car

Anne Biswell

Kansas City, MO

Communications Coordinator, Mother & Child Health Coalition

Jada Young Shawnee, OK

Operations Specialist, ONEOK Gas Transportation, LLC

Aunt of Sydney Edminsten, died from back over accident 4/13/11

Terry Dickinson RN, CCCE, CPST

Plattsburg, MO

Parent Education Coordinator, Saint Luke's Northland Hospital

Lauren Vance

Prairieville, La.

Parent Advocate

Parent of Samuel Mathis, had a near miss in a vehicle power window in March, 2008 at the age of 2

Roger & Jenny Motzkus

Salt Lake City, UT

Parent of Jessica Motzkus who was killed in a back over accident

Lori Unruh

Colorado Springs, CO

Parent Advocate, Founder of "Check the Back Seat for Me!" Facebook page

Carol Ho

Los Angeles, CA

Filmmaker & Advocate, Mahjong Pictures

Dawn & Weston Peabody

Phoenix, AZ

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Parents of Maya Peabody

Died in a hot car 10/18/2008

Robert Reynolds

Phoenix, AZ

Grandfather of Maya Peabody

Died in a hot car 10/18/2008

Vera Reynolds

Mesa, AZ

Grandmother of Maya Peabody

Died in a hot car 10/18/2008

Matthew & Allison Werner

Georgetown, TX

Parent Advocates, KidsAndCars.org

Parents of Caleb Werner, nearly injured by leaving him in a hot car on July 2, 2015

James Bartimus

Leawood, KS

Bartimus Frickleton Robertson & Goza, PC

Board Member, KidsAndCars.org

Stephanie Salvilla

Orlando, FL

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Mother of Gannon Werking who died in a hot car on 7/23/2009

Susan Kennedy

Abingdon, VA

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

Eileen and Michael Owens

Abingdon, VA

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

Veronica Knapp

Saxonbury, PA

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

Emma Muir

Washington, DC

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

Marie Muir

Norton, VA

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

Michelle Shalaby

Alexandria, Egypt

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

Kevin and Jennifer Salvilla

Hickman, TN

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

Melanie Coleman

Norton, VA

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

Angie Ryan

Norton, VA

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

Karie Castle

Johnson City, TN

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

Casey Taylor

Johnson City, TN

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

Celeste Werking

Aliquippa, PA

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

Sarah Tilson

Chilhowie, VA

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

Blair Quesenberry

Kingsport, TN

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

Bruce Wilson

Norton, VA

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

# Christiana Robinette

Norton, VA

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

# Becky Lagow

Norton, VA

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

# Sally McCann

Orlando, FL

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

### Marla and Kay Weitzman

Big Stone Gap, VA

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

#### **Brian Marcus**

Wise, VA

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

#### Beth Powell

Vero Beach, FL

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

# Melanie Neach

Vero Beach, FL

Family/Friend Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Family/Friend of Gannon Werking died in a hot car 7/23/2009

#### Melissa Lyttle

Orlando, Florida

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Friend of Gannon Werking, died in a hot car on 07/23/2009

#### Jocelyn Bernhardt

Whitehall, MD

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Friend of Gannon Werking, died in a hot car on 07/23/2009

Jack L. Schoon Jr.

San Antonio, TX

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Parent of Vada Jolene Schoon died in a backed over June 7, 2006

Deona Bien

Summerville, SC

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org. Service Line System Director Women and Children, Trident Health Aslyn Paige Tallulah Ryan died in a hot car Honolulu, Hawaii 2/7/2004

Rebecca and Patrick Murphy

Gulf Shores, AL

Retired IBM: Retired Georgia Power

Grandparents of Ryan Edward Murphy who died in a hot car on June 17, 2011, Bristow, VA

Sondra Morgan

Houston, MN

Owner, Five Stars Management Group

Volunteer, KidsAndCars.org

Sheldon Morgan

Houston, MN

Owner Red Barn IT

Brianna Henderson

Houston, MN

Volunteer, KidsAndCars.org

Kate Bounds

Saint Charles, Mo

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org and Registered Nurse

Parent of Samuel, near miss-vehicular heatstroke

Nan Whitfield

Santa Monica, CA

Lisa & Brian Wright

Groves, Texas

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Parents of Cade Dawson Wright, backed over 6/30/03

Pelar Thompson

Inventor of: A Warning System to Avoid Hyperthermia Death In Vehicles (PATENT: 8,618,926 B1)

Mary Dillon Kerwin

Alexandria, VA

Advocate

David & Kathy Hofer

Rochester Hills, MI

Parent Advocates, KidsAndCars.org

Parent of Blake William Hofer, died after being run over by a commercial truck that had an obstructed view. Our lives will never be the same.

Conni Lowe

Lexington, KY

Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Grandmother of Holland Judy, died in a hot car on 06/20/2010

David Diamond, Ph.D.

Tampa, FL

Memory Specialist & Professor, University of South Florida

Sharron & Michael DiMario

Cincinnati. OH

Parent Advocate, Kids and Cars

Parents of an only child, Gino DiMario, backed over by a minivan (5/17/1997 – 2/19/2005)

Karena Caputo

Lithia, FL

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Parent of Dillon Caputo, died in a back over in 2007

Maria-Theresia and Brian Pio

Chandler Arizona

Owners Hot Box PKG, Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Parents of, Drake Pio who was accidentally left in a hot car in April of 2014, and we are grateful he is alive and know how lucky we are.

Bill and Adriann Nelson

Dix Hills, NY

Parent Advocates, KidsAndCars.org

Bereaved parents of Alec William Nelson, backed over and killed on 4/24/04

Lisabeth Farley -Donnell

Farmington, ME

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Parent of Benjamin Donnell, died in a backover 07/08/04

Mike & Jenny Stanley

Alpharetta, GA

Volunteer, KidsandCars.org

Daughter, Sydney Stanley, died in hot car 8/22/2010

Anthony & Amy Johnson

Port Saint Lucie, FL

Parent Advocates, KidsAndCars.org

Parents of Taylor Elisabeth Johnson, who died from a back over accident on 4/4/2005

Greg and Jennifer Bauer

Dubois, IN

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Reece Bauer, rolled himself up in a Chevy truck window by leaning out the window and his knee hit the button. Reece survived but most do not.

Jessica Solis

New Windsor, NY

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Parent of Colin James Walminski, backed over while walking home from school 11/1/2006

Alice Tavoukjian

Sierra Madre, CA

Taylor Baroody and Ryan Olsen

Vacaville, CA

Parent advocate

Parent of Bailey Marie Olsen, died as a result of a car accident while the mother was 35 weeks pregnant. The seatbelt caused Bailey injury and Bailey passed away just 11 hours after she was born. She was born on 10/14/2015 and passed on 10/15/2015.

George T. Bloukos

Inventor, Bee-Alert Hot Car Child Safety Alert

Lady Lake, FL

Amie Duemer

Lubbock TX

Parent advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Mother of Josef Duemer, died in a hot car 8/2005

Mary, Jeff and Byron Parks

Blacksburg, VA

Family of Juan Parks who died when unknowingly left in car

Jane and Arnold Sporleder

Kernersville, NC

Grandparents of Juan Parks who died when unknowingly left in car

Michele & Adam DeMartin

El Paso, Texas

Advocate, kidsandcars.org

Family of River Jackson, died in hot car 08/31/2014

Andrea Lester

Taylor, Texas

Marya Shahriary & Brent Harrison

Los Angeles, CA

Attorney, Los Angeles public defender and architect, Nadel

Elizabeth A. Taylor-Linzey RN, MSN, PHN

Santa Barbara, CA

Former Injury Prevention Outreach Coordinator Trauma Services & NHTSA certified CPS Technician

Susan Pepperdine

PR Volunteer, KidsAndCars.org

Fairway, KS

Sally Davisson

Shawnee, KS

Child Safety Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

President, Sisters of Invention

**Amber Rollins** 

Olathe, KS

Director & Volunteer Manager, KidsAndCars.org

Margie Rollins

Overland Park, KS

Volunteer, KidsAndCars.org, Mother of 2

Jake Andreasen

Olathe, KS

Quality Control Manager, Manos Gifts

Father

Raymond E. Rollins

Overland Park, KS

Father of 2

Yadira Chavez Rodriguez

4023 N. 15th Avenue

Phoenix Arizona 85015

Parent of angel Romeo Giovanni Chavez, backed over & killed May 29th 2005

Victoria Meyer

Olathe, KS

Advocate, KidsAndCars.org, Teacher, Blue Valley School District

Chip Darius

Cromwell, CT

President, Safety Priority Consultants, LLC

Jennifer Stewart

Hilliard, Ohio

Parent Advocate

Olinda Woodruff

Kingwood, TX

Parent of Rebecca Woodruff, who died in a backover accident 10/21/11.

John Woodruff

Kingwood, TX

Concerned Citizen & Family member of Rebecca Woodruff who died in a backover accident 10/21/11

Lisa Brown

Fishers, IN

Parent Advocate of KidsAndCars.org

Aunt to Noah James Dreblow, front roll-over, 05/18/2007

Gary and Stacy Sanchez

Cave Creek, AZ

Parent Advocates of Kidsandcars.org

Parents of Jacob Morgan Sanchez, died in a back over accident, July 9, 2002

**Douglas Grote** 

Spartanburg, SC

Parent of Kristen Alexandra Grote, died in hot car, 08-03-04

Tara and Thomas Frederick

Belton, MO

Parent Advocates, KidsAndCars.org

Parents of Liam Frederick, near miss, SUV backover 01/21/2014

**Duncan Mackay** 

Los Angeles, CA

Todd & Jennifer Hilton

Midlothian, IL

parent advocate

Parents of Chris who almost died after being unknowingly left in a hot car

J.D. Holmes

Fayetteville, GA

CEO, PTC Properties, Inc.

**DeLores Estis** 

Seabrook, TXZ

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Lost granddaughter to heatstroke in a hot car

Brigitta Scheib

Harrisburg, PA

Preschool teacher, LCNS Nursery School

Kidsandcars.org volunteer

Brandy Laine Duke

Rockwall, TX

Family Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Aunt of Riley Hays, died in a hot car 9/6/2005 at age: 2 years, 2 months, 4 days

Aunt of Allen Hall, died 4/16/2012, hit by a truck while bicycling at age: 15 years, 2 months, 4 days.

Raychele Jackson and Family

Virginia

Parent Advocates, KidsAndCars.org

Parents of River Jackson who died in a hot car in 2014

Kristina Poduch

Tallahassee, FL

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Parent of Konnor Westby was forgotten in a car 12/2014 but survived.

Rachel Clemens

Garland, TX

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Mother of Adrianna Clemens who died in a backover tragedy

Karen Loggia

Leawood, KS

Parent Advocate, kidandcars.org

Karen Zwicke

Santa Barbara, CA

Karen Pauly

DeWitt, IA

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Mother of Jack Pauly, died in a backover accident on 4/17/2011

Leslie and Greg Gulbransen

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Parents of Cameron Gulbransen, Killed in a back over accident

Randy & Kristi AufDerHeide

Lenexa, KS

Volunteer, KidsAndCars.org

Karen and Mark Murphy

Bristow, VA

Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org Parent of Ryan Murphy died in a hot car, June, 2011

Michael and Juanita Williams

Ward, AR

Dora Hawkinson, MS, PA-C

Physician Assistant (in palliative care) as well as a clinical instructor @ UTMB Galvesto

Steve Fisher, PhD

Associate Professor at UTMB

Janet Bartow

Kinnelon, NJ

Accounts payable manager; SESI Consulting Engineers

Parent of Tegan Bartow, died in a frontover, 06/24/05

Adriana Saunsoci

Macy, NE

Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, Vice Chairwoman Parent Advocate, KidsAndCars.org

Parent of Ora RoseMary Springer:

Ora RoseMary died in a back over on 08/03/2013

Massimiliano Albanese

Potomac, MD

Assistant Professor, George Mason University