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Victim Families, Hands Free Coalition Organizations:

Please accept this letter as sincere appreciation for the work each of you did to bring attention to the important issue of distracted driving. It has been my honor and privilege to be part of such a wonderful team of people working to make our roads safer.

I witnessed firsthand the emotional toll testifying took on you as your stories were told during numerous hearings. Thank you for taking the time and putting forth the energy to participate in the legislative process. The broader coalition of organizations supporting this cause was something rarely seen.

In the end, we have a law that will save countless lives in the future. While the new law will not bring your loved one back, I hope you find peace knowing that your stories made a difference and will make Minnesota safer as a result.

It has been motivating, inspiring, and emotional to be on this journey with you. I am truly humbled to have gotten to know you and hope that our paths cross often.

With gratitude,

  
Colonel Matthew C. Langer  
Chief, Minnesota State Patrol

