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ROCKEFELLER PUSHES FOR VEHICLE SAFETY PROVISIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN HIGHWAY CONFERENCE REPORT

Washington, D.C. – Senator John D. (Jay) Rockefeller IV (D-WV), a cosponsor of vehicle safety legislation that is part of the Senate-passed highway bill, today issued the following statement:

"I want to thank Senator Mike DeWine for his unswerving leadership on the issue of vehicle safety. I also want to thank Public Citizen, Kids and Cars, and Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety for their tireless efforts to make American vehicles safer.

"The next few days are going to be crucial. The conferees currently debating the highway bill have an opportunity and a responsibility to make sure that our vehicle safety measures are included in the final highway bill. We must remind the conferees of the importance to our families and to our children of having these provisions as part of the conference report.

"I thank everyone for their extraordinary efforts to get these provisions included in the bill, and I ask everyone to push on just a little bit longer and a little bit harder since greater vehicle safety for our children and families hangs in the balance."

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