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In Support of Auto Safety Provisions in the Highway Bill (HR 3)

There are certain rare opportunities in life, rare moments in time. This is one of them.

- We talk about nearly 43,000 deaths every year, 3 million serious injuries – this is not just any statistic, it is a public health epidemic.
- We work with families who have lost loved ones - they are our reality show – they are the heart and soul of highway safety – day in and day out, they live with the unspeakable horror of loss – so listen carefully to their words.
- We are fortunate in our field that we know the answers. This bill is a major answer to some of the worst auto safety problems.

This is why we appeal to all the good people involved in the work of this conference committee – how you respond, how you take advantage of this rare moment in time, is literally a matter of life or death.