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GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN AND DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS. MY NAME IS PEGGY ALLEN BOCK, PRESIDENT OF THE MICHIGAN BRAIN INJURY PROVIDER COUNCIL (MBIPC), AND I'M PLEASED TO BE REPRESENTING OUR PROVIDER MEMBERSHIP IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 4466 INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HOWRYLAK.

THE MBIPC, ESTABLISHED IN 1987, IS MADE UP OF OVER 115 PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAINTAINS ONE OF THE NATION'S BEST TREATMENT SYSTEMS FOR PERSON'S INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS. EVERYDAY IN OUR CLINICS WE SEE THE RESULTS OF CATESTROPIC AUTO ACCIDENTS, MANY OF THOSE INVOLVING INEXPERIENCED TEENAGE DRIVERS. TEXTING WHILE DRIVING HAS SURPASSED DRUNK DRIVING AS A LEADING CAUSE OF AUTO ACCIDENTS NATIONALLY AND THIS EFFECTS OUR MOST VOLUNERABLE DRIVERS IN PARTICULAR, OUR TEENAGERS. I SPEAK FOR ALL OUR REHABILITATION PROVIDERS WHEN I SAY THERE IS NOTHING MORE TRAGIC THAN ADMITTING A YOUNG PERSON TO ONE OF OUR CLINICS WHO WILL EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANT, LIFELONG DEIFICTS AS A RESULT OF AN AUTO ACCIDENT.

JUST AS SEATBELTS AND CAR SEATS LAWS WERE INACTED TO PROTECT OUR MICHIGANDERS, WE FEEL SOCIETY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO RESPOND TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF DISTRACTED DRIVING. BY PUTTING IN PLACE A LAW THAT SAVES LIVES AND/OR REDUCES THE SEVERITY OF INJURIES INCURRED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS WE ARE ALSO PROTECTING OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET... OUR NIEGHBORS AND OUR FAMILY MEMBERS.

OUR MEMBERSHIP APPLAUDS HOUSE BILL 4466 EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER AND SEVERITY OF DISTRACTED DRIVING ACCIDENTS. THE MBIPC URGES THIS COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 4466 AND ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE DRIVERS IN MICHIGAN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION OF THIS CRITICAL LEGISLATION.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED,

PEGGY ALLEN BOCK