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The C.A.R. Alliance praises National Transportation Safety Board for its actions to help prevent cell phone distracted driving crashes

Omaha, NE – Today marks a seminal safety recommendation issued by one of the most respected and credible independent federal agencies whose mission it is in part to conduct objective, precise accident investigations and safety studies.

“We are pleased to see that the board has made this recommendation, which underscores the disastrous effects of driving while distracted - especially the very common distraction involving the use of mobile communication devices,” said Rob Reynolds, Director of the C.A.R. Alliance for Safer Teen Driving.

This recommendation follows a [similar recommendation issued September 13, 2011](#), calling for a ban on the use of mobile phones by commercial drivers that was issued by the NTSB following its investigation into a crash in Munfordville, KY involving a commercial truck driver who was talking in his hands-free device, killing himself and 10 others.

“We have known for many years that the issue of distracted driving involving cell phones and related electronics has affected the crash rates for newer and older drivers alike,” said Reynolds. “Our daughter Cady and many others’s lives have needlessly been taken on the roadways and for what? The convenience of having communications while driving? As chairman Deborah Hersman said in her closing remarks today, ‘death is not convenient’, and perhaps this truth is not either.

“If distracted driving is addressed in the same way we’ve tackled other destructive driving behaviors, like drunk driving, then we can save a lot of lives and reduce injuries. If we choose to be indifferent to the issue then we’ll continue to see injury and deaths caused by this highly preventable cause.”

“I would also like to say that Chairman Hersman created a cell phone ban policy for her own employees at the NTSB when she took her post; something that other government agencies should and could follow suit with. My family has done the same.” Reynolds said.

About the C.A.R. Alliance

Founded in 2008, the C.A.R. Alliance for Safer Teen Driving has been the only non profit in Nebraska whose sole mission it is to reduce fatalities and death caused distracted driving. The C.A.R. alliance has been recognized for its community impact by the Greater Omaha chapter of the National Safety Council and others. Our programs serve Central and Eastern Nebraska as well as Western Iowa. Goto: saferteendriving.org to learn more.

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