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Distracted driving impacted my life directly. This is my story and I hope it can help affect change and improvement for the future. I do not want this to happen to others. Randall and I had been together since high school. We were each other's best friend. We dated for 6 years and got married in July 2010. Our relationship was long distance for a long time. Not something I would recommend for most people but we were willing to put in the extra effort and time to be together. Randall's proposal to me was the best. He designed a scavenger hunt and mailed me the first clue. The first 5 clues were to my best friends, the girls that would be my bridesmaids. The remaining clues took me and my friends all over our hometown. I revisited numerous memories from our dating life. The final clue took me to Randall waiting in my mom's backyard. Standing in a gazebo he had made for me, music playing and a slide show of our relationship. We danced under the lights and the stars. After all that, he had planned an engagement party with our friends and family for that same night. Our outdoor wedding was July 11th, 2010. It was a beautiful rainy summer day. It rained off and on all morning, let up enough for the ceremony and then started again as we kissed. We loved it! We danced in the rain. Rain, snow, all forms of precipitation have always meant so much to us. It rained the night our daughter, Aspen, was born. We had a great Marriage. We were so incredibly happy. Randall and I made each other better people. Randall had a way of looking at life that was so unique. Randall was passionate about change, growth, and improvement. He pushed me and everyone around him to be better. Sometimes just by the example he displayed in his own life. I remember coming home one day and Randall asking me to listen to a podcast he had found interesting. Turns out he had discovered an inspirational story about altruistic kidney donation and he wanted to give his spare kidney to a stranger. That was the kind of person that Randall was. He was so excited to learn and experience new things. In Dec 2016 Randall donated his kidney to a stranger to start a donation chain. Why am I telling you all this? Because to understand the loss of a life I believe you have to have a glimpse into the life that was lived. Randall lived life to the fullest. He lived out loud. He was exciting and extroverted. He was thoughtful and analytical. Randall was passionate about excelling. His hobbies and passions would change but he was the person who could and would master everything he tried. He loved music. Randall could play the guitar, bass, drums, piano, violin, and ukulele. He didn't like instruments that required the use of your mouth because he wanted to be able to sing and play. Randall loved being high. He would climb to the top of anything. I on the other hand am scared of heights. People were always telling Randall to "Get down!" I would be asked "why do you let him do that?" or "Tell him to get down" Randall didn't scare me (often) he was so self aware and self confident that I was always confident in him. Randall was the person who could push me out of my comfort zone and was so much fun to experience things with. May 5th 2019 - Randall left our home at 3:30am to head to the race site and set up. I was 4 months pregnant with our third child. Randall was a stay at home dad and we had downsized to one car. So, since it was so early, we decided not to wake up our kids. Randall kissed me before he left and told me

he loved me. I hugged his neck and told him I didn't want him to leave. Which was a common occurrence. I didn't like to leave him or for him to leave, But i always knew he was coming home. Typically, I would have been at TriZou. I had been every year Randall had worked for Ultramaxx. Since we had downsized to one car and both kids were so little we decided I would stay home and see him for lunch after the race. I was home with my daughter, Aspen, watching Balto, and son, Declan, who I was getting ready to put down for his morning nap. I received a couple phone calls from numbers that I didn't recognize so I didn't answer and they left messages. I listened to the voice mails and my heart stopped. That is a call that no one ever thinks they will receive. And one that I hope no one ever has to experience. Since I was home without a car, I called my friend Wendy. Who I knew was out driving around town hosting an out of town friend. I am pretty sure it only took Wendy and Ryan about 10 minutes to get to my house but when your mind is racing and going through a million scenarios it feels much longer. Ryan drove me to the ER and Wendy stayed with Aspen and Declan. I got to the hospital and waited for a Doctor to come and give me an update. Randall was taken directly into surgery. I didn't have a chance to see him prior to surgery and he was in surgery for several hours. Randall suffered internal bleeding, multiple pelvic fxs, humeral fx, injuries to both of his knees and a traumatic brain injury. It has been nearly 2 years since I lost Randall. He didn't just die though... He lived, he lived because he is a fighter. He and I fought until we couldn't anymore. I had to make the decision to end treatment and let him go six months later. I have no idea what he was aware of in the final 6 months of his life. Did he know when I was around? Did he know when I told him that our third child was going to be a girl? Did he recognize his children when they visited him in the hospital? Randall was the person who lived life to the fullest. The last six months were not living.. It was a suspended state. A place where we clung to hope. Hope that one day he would recover and come home to us. During that time I spent an entire month living in the surgical ICU. I was 5 month pregnant and I slept in a hospital recliner hoping, everyday, that Randall would wake up. Open his eyes and that we would begin the road to recovery and all this would just be a bad memory... He didn't "wake up" Not really. After a month we were transferred out of the ICU to Madonna Rehabilitation in Nebraska. At that time I was running out of paid time off. And so I began working every other week. And spent every other week with Randall. I would travel the 5 hours to Lincoln Nebraska to be with Randall while he was at the physical rehabilitation hospital. I missed so much of my childrens lives. I had to leave them with my sister and family. I had to choose between my husband and my children. I missed the joys of my third and last pregnancy. Randall never got to feel her kick. Never got to see her on the ultrasound. I had my third baby completely alone. Not because i didn't have anyone, because i had several people try to insist on being there, but because i didn't have the ONE person I needed. Randall missed the birth of his baby girl, Gemma Quinn. The day after I gave birth, the day I was taking my baby girl home, I got a call from Randall's doctor telling me that they needed consent to do a bronchoscopy. A day that should have been filled with love was filled with fear. Fear that there were more complications and more steps backwards. Remember the story about Randall donating his kidney? The final straw was when Randall went into kidney failure. He had so many lung infections and complications that due to the TBI and other injuries his kidney couldn't handle any more stress. So my options were; put him on dialysis or stop treatment. Dialysis was not a long term solution. it would have bought more time. But only more time for pain and suffering. So I decided to stop treatment and take him off of the ventilator. Randall and I had multiple conversations that began with "what if..." We had talked about what if one of us dies and a multitude of other topics along those same lines. So I knew what Randall would want. I knew that he didn't want to be "kept" alive. Knowing doesn't make it easier. It makes it clear but it is still an impossible decision. Randall was my other half. We made each other better. I now have to raise our 3 beautiful babies alone and without him. There are so many things that Randall was supposed to teach them and help them experience. He was the adventurous part of our marriage. My children are currently 4, 2.5 and 1.5 years old. At the time Aspen was 2 years old, Declan was 10 months old and Gemma was yet to be born. Randall missed so much of their lives. He didn't get to see Aspen turn 3, or Declan take his first steps or speak his first words. SO much was taken from our lives when Randall was hit. Aspen just turned 4 yrs old. She still talks about Randall. She will tell me things like " my dad would... and she still recognizes him in pictures and can remember several things about her dad" but over time she won't know anymore than what I can tell her. I see so much of Randall in my kids. This loss is something I will have to live with my entire life. It is not something I will get over or get past. It is now a part of me. A part of my story. I have to go through this life without my best friend.



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Dear Representative Bake and members of the Downsizing State Government Committee, My name is Erica Ascani and I am the Community Engagement Coordinator for PedNet Coalition based out of Columbia Missouri and I'm writing in support House Bill 241. We aim to create cities where everyone can safely walk, bike, and take public transit to get where they need to go. Approximately 1 in 5 individuals who died in distracted driving crashes were not in vehicles and were vulnerable road users (pedestrians, bicyclists, etc.). We fully support removing the age limit for texting and driving because texting and driving is wrong no matter your age. We believe that passing this bill will begin to reverse the trend of people dying as a result of cell phone use while operating a motor vehicle. Too often innocent people die because someone else chose to text and drive. In fact, states that passed hands-free policies have experienced, on average, a 15% decline in fatality rates within two years of passing this legislation. With that, I urge you to vote in favor of HB241. Thank you.



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Imagine you're walking down the sidewalk or riding your bike down the street. The next thing you know a person who is drunk, high on drugs or just not paying attention hits you and either seriously hurts you or even kills you. Or worse your kids or your grandkids. On April 3, 2016, my son Anthony called me and asked me to meet him for dinner the next day. He said he was getting ready to ride his bike to the city market to meet friends to watch the Royals home opener. The last thing he said was, "Ok Mom, I'll see you tomorrow. I love you." I said, "Ok son, I love you too." About an hour later Anthony was hit by a car. The driver was going so fast that he sent Anthony flying twenty feet in the air. When he hit the cement, he completely destroyed his face and literally broke every bone in his body. He laid in the street and died by himself. The person who hit him tried to get back in the car and get away, but he hit Anthony so hard that he also sheered off two telephone poles and a buss stop sign at the base. The people who witnessed it caught him before he could get away. The driver was so high on narcotics that he had no clue what he was doing when he hit my son. And just to add insult to injury, when the judge convicted him of killing my son, he sentenced my son's killer to 120 days in rehab. But I would rather talk about my son. As a teenager, Anthony was very creative. He had incredible artistic skill and loved to draw and paint. He was also very musical and started playing the clarinet and moved on to any instrument he could get his hands on. Always, always, with a smile on his face. Anthony had a most captivating and contagious smile. Everyone has always loved him. As an adult, Anthony was so outgoing and loving. The kind of person that if you spent more than five minutes with him, you had to spend more time with him and get to know him on a personal level. He knew more people and had more friends than I could ever have imagined. He loved to act in plays, play disc golf, climb mountains, sing karaoke, Royals baseball, Chiefs football, but, most of all, Anthony loved to ride his bicycle. Unfortunately, that's how he ended up being killed. This instance is the ultimate example of distracted driving. My family is the worst example of what the consequences of distracted driving. The point of saying all this is that distracted driving is dangerous and if we don't get legislation passed more people will be needlessly killed. It is up to us as contact the everyone possible to make sure that it is.





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As a physical medicine and rehab physician I see all ages of patients who are in motor vehicle accidents. Unfortunately there are cases where the motor vehicle accident is secondary to distracted driving, particularly texting while driving. Often these accidents result in polytrauma, not only to the driver, but others involved in the accident. The result is quite tragic when they end up with multiple injuries such as traumatic brain bleeds and spinal cord injuries leaving them paralyzed for the rest of their lives, with high long term morbidity and mortality. In addition it is more tragic when the person not driving is the one left with these injuries. I have recently cared for a young girl who is a mother of young babies in a motor vehicle accident not due to her fault, but the other driver was distracted with texting. As a result she is now tetraplegic with inability to move any extremities. I believe you should pass this bill to save the 87% of distracted driving fatalities in those over the age of 21yo. In addition would decrease cell phone related crashes, particularly the 30% increase in Missouri over the past 5 years, and 2500 crashes in 2019. Lastly would help protect the 1 in 5 who died because they were vulnerable pedestrians and cyclists.



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On behalf of Missourians for Responsible Transportation and the Missouri Hands-free Coalition, we support House Bill 241. The Missouri Hands-free Coalition is a group of 21 organizations and 5 victims' families that have come together to work on ending distracted driving on Missouri's roads. We believe that passing this bill will increase the safety of all Missourians road users. We fully support removing the age limit for texting and driving because death from distracted driving impacts all ages, whether behind the wheel or as a pedestrian. Cell phone-related crashes increased by 31% in Missouri since 2014, so our problem is clearly getting worse. We believe that passing this bill will begin to reverse the trend of people dying as a result of cell phone use while operating a motor vehicle.



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One day after school, my son Carter and a friend decided to ride their bikes in our neighborhood. That's when one of my greatest fears as a mother became reality. My ten year old son was hit by a distracted driver. Carter was swiftly taken by ambulance to the pediatric hospital while I was close behind. They were stabilizing my son and preparing the ER for his arrival. The next few hours consisted of tests, scans, lab work, and consults, while I racked my brain for answers. Carter spent the next three weeks at Children's Mercy Hospital PICU (Pediatric Intensive Care Unit), before transferring to the inpatient rehabilitation unit for further treatment of his injuries. He sustained a severe traumatic brain injury, multiple brain bleeds, a fractured skull, road rash, and deep tissue bruising on his body. He worked diligently to overcome his injuries and was then able to participate in therapies offered at the hospital. When Carter was able to perform skills set at the hospital's baseline, he came home. For several months thereafter, he continued his therapies five days a week at a pediatric rehabilitation center. He worked on his cognition skills, physical and occupational therapies, and was finally able to add schoolwork with the help of a tutor. What once was a natural gift of learning, now became a tedious task, riddled with anxiety, fatigue, and memory loss. Although Carter is not cleared to participate in sports or activities now, he is able to return to school and enjoy the comradery he receives from Boy Scouts. This crash has forever changed our lives as well as the lives around us. Carter will continue to need tutoring, counselling, and follow up appointments. As our world is constantly changing, so is the need for updating and relating to handheld electronic wireless communication devices. Please consider House Bill NO. 241 as it will not only impact and help protect you, but your friends, family and loved ones. Thank you, Sarah and Carter Wright



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The MO Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons have been a long-time supporter of a ban on texting while driving for safety reasons. They believe that your eyes should be focused on the road.



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COMMITTEE: <b>Downsizing State Government</b>			
<b>TESTIFYING:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
<b>WITNESS NAME</b>			
<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCAT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>arniedienoff@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>5/5/2021 1:53 AM</b>

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**I am Opposed to this Bill and Legislation. State Government NEEDS to STOP Regulating OUR Lives over and over and over! This is Personal Responsibility!**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>COLLIN M STOSBERG</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>819-853-2143</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL</b>		TITLE: <b>TEXTING</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>1510 E ELM</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65102</b>
EMAIL: <b>collin.stosberg@mshp.dps.mo.gov</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>In-Person</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>5/5/2021 12:49 PM</b>
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<b>Answered questions and provided educational information.</b>			