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ADVOCATES
FOR HIGHWAY
AND AUTO SAFETY

February 4, 2003

401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Senator _____,

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety (Advocates), an alliance of consumer, law enforcement, health and safety groups and insurance companies working together to make America's roads safer, is writing to urge you to support Senate Bill 17, legislation that would upgrade Nevada's child protection standards. This bill aims to stop the preventable deaths and injuries that result from leaving children unattended in motor vehicles.

Children have suffered from hyperthermia, strangulation, head crush injuries, fractures and burns when left unattended in or around vehicles. Kids 'N Cars, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting an end to the practice of leaving children unattended in or around motor vehicles, has been developing a national database on this issue and they found 424 incidents of children being left unattended in 2002, which resulted in 578 victims, 113 of whom died. Thus far in 2003, 2 children have died and 14 others have been injured in cases of children being left unattended.

This legislation is not intended to be punitive. Rather, it aims to educate well-meaning parents and caregivers who are not aware of the deadly consequences of such action. Advocates urges you to protect Nevada's children by supporting SB 17.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judith Lee Stone
President

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY
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