**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR S.B. 1147 & H.B. 2376**

**Texting While Driving, Prohibition**

Your Name

YOUR TITLE/BUSINESS

ADDRESS

DATE

Honorable Senator/Representative [Last Name]

Arizona House of Representatives

Capitol Complex

1700 West Washington

Phoenix, AZ 85007-2890

Dear Representative / Senator [Last Name]:

As a member of (YOUR BUSINESS/AFFILIATION), I write asking for your support in S.B. 1147, the bill is to prohibit the use of text messaging, which diverts a person’s attention away from the primary task of driving. Texting while driving is a growing trend, and a national epidemic, quickly becoming one of the nation’s top killers.

Senator Farley (S.B.1147) and Representative Orr (H.B. 2376) are sponsors of these bills. This is awaiting consideration from the State Transportation Committee.

**Texting while driving**:

* Causes nearly 25% of all accidents, 1.6 million per year -*National Safety Council*
* Is about 6 times more likely to cause an accident than driving intoxicated
* Is the same as driving blind for 5 seconds at a time- *VA. Tech Transportation*

As you may know, research like this has driven 47 states to pass legislation banning texting/driving. National cell phone carriers, such as AT&T are campaigning, “*Texting & Driving, It Can Wait*”. As technological distraction increases, Arizona has an opportunity to make a stand, decreasing the number of collisions on our roads.

Your bipartisan support for S.B. 1147 and/or H.B. 2376 shows your compassion to preserve the Life of your citizens. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

(YOUR NAME)