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Catherine Chase: Cathy Chase is President of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety. She has played a critical role in advancing highway and auto safety including occupant protection, impaired driving, teen driving, distracted driving, consumer protection, motor vehicle and commercial motor vehicle safety. Ms. Chase also advocates for regulations to ensure the safe development and deployment of autonomous vehicles. Frequently invited to testify before Congress, state legislatures and national conferences, she was most recently selected by *CQ Roll Call* as one of seventeen “People to Watch in 2019.” Ms. Chase has appeared on CBS, NPR, C-SPAN, CNBC and SiriusXM, as well as numerous local news programs. Additionally, she has been quoted in the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, *ABC News*, *Bloomberg Business Week*, *The Hill*, *Politico* and the *Miami Herald*, among others, and was published in the *Annals of Advances in Automotive Medicine (AAAM) Journal*, “U.S. State and Federal Laws Targeting Distracted Driving.” Ms. Chase is a graduate of Rutgers College and received her J.D. from the George Washington University Law School.

Lee Fanshaw: Lee Fanshaw is Federal Government Affairs Director for American Family Insurance. He also serves as American Family’s federal representative with the American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA), the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC) and the American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI). He is a member of the Executive Committee for the Medicare Advocacy Recovery Coalition (MARC) and served as president of the Wisconsin Group in Washington, DC from 2016-2019. Mr. Fanshaw has been a Board Member of the Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety since 2015 and currently serves as Insurance Co-Chair. Before coming to American Family, he worked for six years as the Director of Government Relations for Sentry Insurance and also worked as a legislative aide at the State Capitol in Madison, Wisconsin. Mr. Fanshaw received his undergraduate degree in political science from the UW-Whitewater and spent time as a Graduate Fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Mary Jagim MS, RN, CEN, FAEN: Mary Jagim has over 30 years of experience in emergency nursing, healthcare leadership, public policy and healthcare consulting. She served as President of the Emergency Nurses Association in 2001 and was a member of the IOM Study on the Future of Emergency Care in the U.S. Health System. In her current position, Ms. Jagim serves as the Chief Nursing Officer for Infinite Leap, a consulting group contracting with health care organizations that want to leverage real-time location system technology to improve safety and efficiency. Ms. Jagim has a master’s degree in nursing from North Dakota State University 2013. She currently serves as the Consumer Vice Chair of Advocates’ Board.

Commander Chris Olson: Commander Chris Olson is the Support Services Division Commander for the Oro Valley Police Department. Cmdr. Olson has been with the Town since 2001 and has 28 years of total law enforcement experience. He previously served as the Department's Special Operations Commander and Executive Officer overseeing the Traffic Unit, K-9 Unit, Community Action Team, DUI Enforcement program, Internal Affairs, and Training. Cmdr. Olson has instructed on police ethics, communication, generational differences, leadership, and supervision. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), FBI National Academy Arizona Alumni Chapter (Executive Adjunct), Traffic Officer Safety Subcommittee (TOSS) member of the IACP Highway Safety Committee, and former Chairperson for the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Managers Association (SALEM). Cmdr. Olson has a M.Ed. in Human Relations from Northern Arizona University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Park University. He is also a graduate of the 244th Session of the FBI National Academy and the 331st Class of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

Deanna Wathington, MD, MPH, FAAFP: Deanna Wathington is a public health practitioner and family physician, currently serving as Executive Dean of the Petrock College of Health Sciences and the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies at Bethune-Cookman University. Dr. Wathington previously served as Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs at the University of South Florida College of Public Health and as Director of Minority Health for the Florida Department of Health. She has also served as the Associate Dean for Academic Enrichment at the USF College of Medicine (USF COM) where she provided instruction across all four years of the curriculum and maintained a busy family practice. Dr. Wathington is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Executive Board of American Public Health Association and is a member of the founding editorial board of the Journal of Healthcare Transformation. Dr. Wathington earned her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Master of Public Health from Temple University, and baccalaureate in Zoology from Rutgers University. She completed residency training in Family Medicine at JFK Medical Center, NJ and Bayfront Medical Center, FL.

Jennifer Weaver: Jennifer Weaver is a graduate of Hood College (BA '94) and Towson University (MA, CAS '02) and works as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist with the Charles County (MD) Public School System. Ms. Weaver is a participant on the Occupant Protection / Distracted Driving Emphasis Area Team for the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and is a speaker with the Positive Alternatives to Dangerous and Destructive Decisions (PADDD) program which attempts to modify unsafe behaviors in at-risk teens and adults. Since 2017, Ms. Weaver has spoken at numerous high schools and colleges as well as to members of several safety organizations and government agencies around the DC metro area regarding the dangers associated with distracted driving. Ms. Weaver began her advocacy against distracted driving following her involvement in a 2015 car crash.