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Catherine Chase: Cathy Chase is President of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety (Advocates) where she plays a critical role in advancing safety laws, regulations and policy on occupant protection, impaired driving, teen driving, distracted driving, motor vehicle and commercial motor vehicle safety, and autonomous vehicles. Frequently invited to speak before Congress, state legislatures and national conferences, she was selected by *CQ Roll Call* as one of seventeen “People to Watch in 2019.” Ms. Chase is featured regularly in national and local media outlets as an auto safety expert. She is a graduate of Rutgers College and received her J.D. from the George Washington University Law School.

Asw. Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod (D-NV): Assemblywoman Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod (D) represents Nevada’s 34th legislative district, where she has served since 2016. She currently chairs the Education Committee and is a member of the Judiciary and Revenue Committees. Previously serving two terms on Government Affairs & Growth and infrastructure Committees. During the 2021 legislative session, Asw. Bilbray-Axelrod was the primary sponsor of Assembly Bill (AB) 118 which strengthened Nevada’s child occupant protection statute by requiring children to remain rear facing in a child safety seat until age two or older and added a minimum height requirement for children younger than age six to attain before they transition from the use of a booster seat to a seat belt. Asw. Bilbray-Axelrod is 3rd generation Nevadan a graduate of the University of San Diego.

Mary Jagim MS, RN, CEN, FAEN: Mary Jagim has over 30 years of experience in emergency nursing, healthcare leadership, public policy and healthcare consulting. Ms. Jagim currently serves on the Board of Advocates as Consumer Co-Chair. 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 Principle Consultant for CenTrak and works 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.

Alan Maness: Alan Maness is Vice President of Federal Affairs and Counsel at State Farm Insurance Companies. Based in Washington, DC, Mr. Maness works closely with Congress and the Executive Branch to promote public policy positions that are important to State Farm and its customers. Mr. Maness serves on the Board of Advocates as Insurance Co-Chair as well as on the Business Roundtable’s Washington Planning Committee. He was Senior Minority Counsel for the Aviation, Consumer and Surface Transportation Subcommittees of the Senate Commerce Committee from 1986 to 1994, an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice from 1982 to 1986, and special assistant U.S. Attorney for Washington D.C. from 1984 to 1985. Mr. Maness earned his B.A. from the University of North Carolina, where he was Vice President of Phi Beta Kappa, and his J.D. from Yale Law School.

Alex Otte: Alex Otte is the National President of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Alex's family came to MADD in 2010 after she was run over by an intoxicated boat operator at the age of 13. Alex worked with MADD Kentucky staff and volunteers to pass state legislation requiring the use of ignition interlocks for drunk driving offenders and spoke out on behalf of Marsy's Law, a crime victims' rights bill, which was ultimately added as an amendment to the state constitution. Alex served as a National Teen Influencer for MADD in 2014 and was awarded MADD's National Youth Activist of the Year award in 2015. As MADD's national spokesperson, Alex speaks to lawmakers across the nation about the importance of requiring ignition interlocks for all offenders. She advocates for high-visibility law enforcement, such as sobriety checkpoints, and champions personal accountability and advanced drunk driving prevention technology in all vehicles.

Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL): Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (D) represents Illinois' ninth congressional district, where she has served since 1999. As Chair of the U.S. House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Congresswoman Schakowsky has played a critical role in efforts to advance lifesaving auto safety technology upgrades. Many of those priorities were addressed in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, signed into law in November 2021. Among the provisions championed by Rep. Schakowsky were: safety technology requirements in new cars including collision avoidance technology; technology to prevent children from dying in hot cars; improved headlamps; closing safety gaps associated with keyless ignition technology; and, updating the U.S. New Car Assessment Program.

Lieutenant Carmen Trevizo: Lieutenant Carmen Trevizo joined the Oro Valley, Arizona Police Department in 1998. She served as a patrol officer, a detective with the State Gang Task Force, assigned to the community resource unit and was a lead patrol officer. In 2007, Lieutenant Trevizo was promoted to sergeant. She was assigned to the office of professional standards and as the public information officer. Lieutenant Trevizo also served as a hostage negotiator for 15 years with Pima Regional S.W.A.T. She was promoted to lieutenant in January 2020 and currently serves in the patrol bureau. Lieutenant Trevizo has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Arizona and is a graduate of the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command.