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TO: GOVERNOR NIKKI HALEY

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Dear Governor Nikki Haley,

In 2012 alone, more than 10,000 Americans were killed in drunk driving crashes. And about 3,000 Americans like Debbie Scannell are killed every year by repeat-offender drunk drivers.

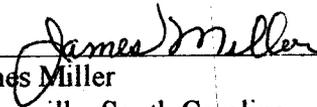
It is an outrage that repeat offenders can continue driving drunk, claiming innocent lives like Debbie's. But we can prevent such tragedies, if South Carolina does all it can to stop first-time offenders from becoming repeat offenders.

That is why, as your constituent in Greenville, I respectfully urge you to:

1. Call on the South Carolina legislature to pass legislation that ends repeat-offender violations, injuries, and deaths, through the mandatory use of ignition interlocks for all drunk driving offenders, as called for in MADD's Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving®.
2. Ensure that the strictest drunk driving prevention measures and the toughest enforcement of existing penalties for drunk driving are used.
3. Require that South Carolina be a leader in eliminating drunk driving.

Drunk driving is a threat to all of us. South Carolina can help eliminate deaths and injuries caused by drunk driving—and rid our streets and highways of this terrible problem—but we need your leadership in these efforts. So please support all of these provisions now. The lives of South Carolina citizens depend on it. Thank you.

Sincerely,


James Miller

Greenville, South Carolina

A Parent's Guide to Teenagers & Drinking

Set a good example, because they're watching you. Be moderate or abstain in your own use of alcohol. "Do as I say, not as I do" just doesn't cut it with this group.

Teach your children that actions have consequences at any age. Every choice matters. Talk to them about alcohol and everything else! And talk early, ages 9 to 11 are a good time to start. Get to know your children and the decisions they are facing. Give them encouragement and love as they grow.

Set reasonable but firm rules that you plan to enforce. Explain the facts about underage drinking as well as your family's opinions. Make it clear that alcohol is not an option until your child is 21. Discipline, curfews and structure are non-negotiable, and they should be understood.

Teach your children about true friendship. When peer pressure hits, they'll be able to stand up to their friends. Get to know their friends and their friends' parents. Work together to provide a consistent no-use message.

Let them know you see what's going on. Tell them you know what happens among teenagers, maybe even their friends, and discuss why your children shouldn't participate in these activities. Point out the dangers and consequences of underage alcohol use.

Don't be naive. Watch for signs of alcohol use. If you sense a problem, seek help. It could save your child's life.

Our mission is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Three of every ten eighth graders have tried alcohol.

One in six teens binge drinks. Only one in 100 parents believes his or her teen binge drinks.

Teen alcohol use kills about 4,700 people each year, more than all other illegal drugs combined.

Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens, and a quarter of those are alcohol related.

Kids who start drinking at a young age are seven times more likely to be in a drunk driving crash.

High school students who use alcohol or other substances are five times more likely to drop out of school or believe good grades are not important.



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