



Support for Hands-Free Ohio

“ **Fix Our Roads Ohio (FOR Ohio)**

“We applaud Governor DeWine’s leadership on this issue, as well as the efforts of Senator Stephanie Kunze and Senator Sean O’Brien. FOR Ohio strongly supports the bipartisan legislation that was announced today and we look forward to working closely with Governor DeWine and all members of the General Assembly to make a difference that will save lives in Ohio.”

– Curt Steiner, spokesman, Fix Our Roads Ohio (FOR Ohio)

“ **State Auto Insurance Companies**

“State Auto is proud to stand with Governor DeWine in taking a critical step toward ending the distracted driving epidemic in Ohio. All drivers have a role to play in traffic safety, and we pledge to continue working to keep Ohioans safe on our roads.”

– Mike LaRocco, President & CEO State Auto Insurance Companies

“ **AT&T Ohio**

“AT&T works to promote awareness of the dangers of smartphone distracted driving, while encouraging the safe use of its products. We educate all drivers to keep their eyes on the road, not on their phones. No post, glance, email, search, or text is worth a life, and we look forward to working with the State of Ohio to address this serious issue.”

– Brad McLean, Assistant Vice President, External Affairs, AT&T Ohio

“ **Ohio Conference of AAA Clubs**

AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety research has proven that using a cell phone to talk or text while driving greatly elevates crash risk. Yet, the number of drivers that admit to using a cell phone to talk or text continues to rise. AAA commends Governor Mike DeWine for taking steps to make Ohio’s roads safer by requesting legislation to address distracted driving and providing law enforcement the necessary tools to enforce a law that stops drivers from using handheld devices behind the wheel. While this is a huge step forward, motorists need to remember that hands-free isn’t risk-free and should aim to eliminate all distractions from their vehicles.”

– Ohio Conference of AAA Clubs

“ **2Eyes.JustDrive**

“2Eyes.JustDrive commends Governor Mike DeWine for making the eradication of distracted driving in Ohio a priority. Distracted driving is reaching epidemic proportions. Legislation declaring distracted driving a primary offense in Ohio, along with hands-free laws, will help to make Ohio roads safer for all who travel them. We encourage the Ohio Senate and House to pass this bill and send it to Governor DeWine for his signature.”

– Kathleen Sevilla Strack, Co-Founder & Executive Director, 2Eyes.JustDrive

“ **Nationwide**

“We are proud to support Gov. Mike DeWine’s recent announcement to strengthen Ohio’s distracted driving laws as developed by a statewide Distracted Driving Task Force.”

– Kirt Walker, Chief Executive Officer, Nationwide



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“ StopDistractions.org

“Countless families across the state of Ohio have been tragically impacted by distracted driving crashes and it’s time to change the culture of distracted driving by enacting a hands-free law. Across the nation, states are racing to pass this legislation like 21 others already have due to the overwhelming public support. We are tired of losing our loved ones because of cell phones being used behind the wheel. This law is a step in the right direction and has been proven to save lives. We thank Governor DeWine for his leadership and look forward to a hands-free Ohio so we can prevent these tragedies from impacting any more families.”

– Jennifer Smith, Chief Executive Officer, StopDistractions.org

“ Uber

“At Uber, we know we have a role in contributing to safety for everyone on the road, from ridesharing to meal delivery. We are committed to being part of the solution through innovation and technology, and we support the efforts of Governor DeWine and Ohio leadership to reduce distracted driving and help make communities across Ohio safer for all travelers.”

– Kevin Kerr, Senior Public Policy Associate, Uber

“ Verizon

“Verizon recognizes that the misuse of mobile devices by drivers is a leading cause of distracted driving accidents. The same technology that lets us connect to the world can lead to tragedy when drivers choose to take their eyes off the road in favor of their mobile screens. Verizon is committed to curbing this dangerous habit and applauds Governor DeWine, Senator Kunze, and Senator O’Brien for taking action on this important issue.”

– Melia Carter, Verizon, Director, State Government Affairs

“ Buckeye State Sheriffs Association

“Buckeye State Sheriffs Association is proud to support Governor Mike DeWine’s recent announcement to strengthen Ohio’s distracted driving laws. Distracted driving has negatively impacted all 88 counties in Ohio and will continue to do so until changes like this are implemented.”

– Buckeye State Sheriffs Association

“ Root Insurance

“Root’s mission is to help drivers make better decisions on the road, and this legislation is an important step from Ohio that will help make roads safer for everyone. We will continue to incentivize drivers who stay focused on the road with great rates, and we support the quick passage and implementation of this new legislation.”

– Alex Timm, Co-Founder & CEO, Root Insurance

“ CSX Transportation, Inc.

“CSX applauds Governor DeWine’s efforts to prohibit the use of an electronic wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle. A distracted driver likely won’t notice warning devices, signs or pavement markings when approaching any of Ohio’s 5,737 public at-grade railroad crossings. Unfortunately, accidents between trains and pedestrians or vehicles are all too common, averaging every 3 hours across the country. CSX reminds everyone to keep your full attention on the road and your surroundings, especially as you approach train tracks.”

– CSX Transportation, Inc.