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## **Crash Victims' Votes**

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The coming 2016 election is important to all Americans concerned with safety and justice.

There are 34 Senate seats (10 D and 24 R) up for election in 2016.

Safety statistics show that this election will have consequences for people in these States and all Americans.

Of the estimated average 100 people that die of crash injuries each day:

- \* Each day about 64 people will die of injuries suffered in these 34 States,
- \* Each day about 46 will die of injuries suffered in States currently with a Republican senator up for election,
- \* Each day about 18 people will die of injuries in States with a Democrat Senator up for election.

In this election, there will be consequences of life or death or disability and economic and emotional devastation for more American families. Currently we can predict that on an average day there will be:

- 100 deaths due to crash injuries
- 400 serious injuries including brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, burns and amputations
- \$2 Billion in comprehensive losses

These daily tragedies in the U.S. are predictable as far into the future as can be seen.

This tragic toll will continue until enough Americans decide to elect representatives that will adopt a Vision Zero Goal for crash deaths and serious injuries for the nation.

An analysis of the fatalities and rates by State are below. For the coming election, the 10 States with Democrat Senators had 6,611 deaths and 24 States with Republican Senators had 16,686 motor vehicle fatalities in 2013.

**2016 Senate Seats Up For Election**  
**2013 Crash Fatalities & Rates**  
**States Ranked from Best to Worst**  
**Current Senators in Colors: Red, & Blue**

State	Fatalities per 100,000 Population	Total Killed	% Not Taken for Care	
DC	3.09	20	25%	
MA	4.87	326	32%	
New Jersey	6.09	542	34%	
New York	6.1	1,199	35%	D
Rhode Island	6.18	65	28%	
Washington	6.44	444	66%	D
Alaska	6.94	51	71%	R
Minnesota	7.14	387	62%	
Hawaii	7.26	102	53%	D
Utah	7.58	220	53%	R
Connecticut	7.68	276	45%	D
Illinois	7.69	991	43%	R
California	7.83	3,000	60%	D
Maryland	7.84	465	46%	D
Oregon	7.96	313	70%	D
Ohio	8.55	989	53%	R
Virginia	8.96	740	60%	
Colorado	9.13	481	62%	D
Nevada	9.39	262	60%	D
PA	9.46	1,208	54%	R
Wisconsin	9.46	543	62%	R
Puerto Rico	9.52	344		
Michigan	9.57	947	54%	
NH	10.2	135	58%	R
Iowa	10.26	317	64%	R
<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>10.35</b>	<b>32,719</b>	<b>56%</b>	
Delaware	10.69	99	47%	
Maine	10.92	145	66%	
Vermont	11.01	69	49%	D

Nebraska	11.29	211	55%	
Georgia	11.8	1,179	52%	R
Indiana	11.92	783	56%	R
Kansas	12.09	350	63%	R
Florida	12.31	2,407	53%	R
Missouri	12.52	757	60%	R
Texas	12.79	3,382	64%	
Arizona	12.81	849	50%	R
NC	13.09	1,289	55%	R
Idaho	13.27	214	70%	R
Kentucky	14.52	638	54%	R
New Mexico	14.87	310	73%	
Wyoming	14.93	87	70%	
Louisiana	15.2	703	64%	R
Tennessee	15.32	995	38%	
SD	15.98	135	68%	R
SC	16.06	767	53%	R
Arkansas	16.32	483	59%	R
Oklahoma	17.61	678	60%	R
Alabama	17.63	852	67%	R
WV	17.9	332	53%	
ND	20.46	148	68%	R
Mississippi	20.49	613	71%	
Montana	22.56	229	64%	

**Legend**

- >60%
- 50's%
- 40's%
- <40%

Note the column of **% Not Taken for Care**. This 2013 data shows the percent of all fatalities in each State that were **not** transported to **any** facility for emergency medical care. Nationwide 56% of Americans died of their injuries without any hospital care in the U.S.A. in 2013.

In this coming election season with debates and media attention, the media has a duty to cover matters of life or death or disability importance to Americans so that members of the public can make informed civic decisions.

We are at a time when never before in history have we had so much safety technology to eliminate crash deaths and serious injuries forevermore.

We need to elect representatives that will work to end crash tragedies.

Data on crash deaths by Congressional and Senate Districts for the years 2002 – 2013 are available at <http://www.careforcrashvictims.com/CrashDeathMappingTools.php>