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A Decade of Crash Deaths by State and Congressional District

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Dear Care for Crash Victims Community Members:

Elections have consequences. What voters and consumers don't know can hurt them. The voter's political choices result in policies that can protect or harm. Individual choices adopted in ignorance can even kill or maim you or your loved ones.

To help voters, consumers, media, and government officials better understand the magnitude of crash deaths and serious injuries we now have Crash Death Mapping Tools. These tools provide 10 years of crash deaths by State and by 2013 Congressional District. See www.careforcrashvictims.com click on "Crash Death Mapping Tools" tab.

Political analysts are identifying "Swing States" and "Swing Congressional Districts" in the 2014 Congressional elections. See

http://fivethirtyeight.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/02/20/can-republicans-win-the-senate-in-2014/?_r=0

http://www.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball/articles/house-2014-a-narrowing-battlefield/

With the data in our Crash Death Mapping Tools we can elevate the political attention of voters and candidates to the safety of American motorists.

Elected officials are home on August Recess. Imagine if citizens, reporters, editorial boards asked them some auto safety questions:

- How many Americans died of crash injuries in their district in the last decade? Answer: about 1 or 2 thousand per district.

- How many Americans suffered serious crash injuries? Answer: about 4 times the number of crash deaths.

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- What are they planning to do to prevent, treat, and rehabilitate American crash injuries in the next decade from being as tragic as the last decade?

- Will they support a national goal of "Bring 'em Back Alive"? As of now about 56 Americans each day die of crash injuries without transport to any facility for emergency medical treatment. Another 44 Americans die after transport to some facility for medical treatment – often too little and too late.

- What would happen if consumers chose to take vacations in States that have the best rather than the worst fatality rates?

We need to remind voters and elected officials that every day another 100 Americans die of crash injuries and another 400 suffer serious injuries in crashes. And if we continue on the current path down this bloody road more Americans will die of crash injuries in the next 4 years than the 132,250 Americans who died of crash injuries in the last 4 years -- more than died in the entire Afghanistan, Iraq, Viet Nam, and Korean Wars combined.

Red States are performing far worse at saving lives of crash victims than are Blue States. The tragic numbers give moral, economic, and political reasons for bi-partisan support for progressive safety policies and programs. Both Red and Blue State politicians and their constituents have many tragic reasons -- occurring every day -- to support a "Build a Safer America" program to reduce crash deaths, injuries, and disabilities.

2011 Crash Fatalities and Rates – Ranked by State

State	Grade	Fatalities per 100,000 Population	Total Killed	Population (Thousands)	Fatalities Percent Not Taken	Rollover Fatalities Percent Not Taken
DC	A	4.37	27	604	30	0
MA	B	5.12	337	6,557	33	53
New York	B	6.01	1,169	19,392	33	45
Connecticut	B	6.14	220	3,581	44	60
Rhode Island	B	6.28	66	1,053	23	44
Washington	B	6.69	457	6,744	66	81
NH	B	6.83	90	1,318	52	62
Minnesota	B	6.89	368	5,311	62	77

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State	Grade	Rate	Deaths	Injuries	Col1	Col2
New Jersey	B	7.11	627	8,802	41	58
Illinois	B	7.13	918	12,843	42	55
Hawaii	B	7.27	100	1,364	52	79
California	B	7.4	2,791	37,349	58	77
Maryland	B	8.32	485	5,786	42	63
Utah	B	8.52	240	2,776	63	68
Oregon	B	8.55	331	3,839	73	81
Colorado	B	8.74	447	5,117	63	76
Vermont	B	8.78	55	626	53	67
Ohio	B	8.8	1,016	11,545	53	66
Michigan	B	9	889	9,876	54	66
Nevada	B	9.03	246	2,723	55	75
Virginia	B	9.44	764	8,097	60	70
Puerto Rico	B	9.69	359	3,707	54	55
Nebraska	B	9.82	181	1,843	61	63
Alaska	B	9.96	72	714	61	77
PA	C	10.09	1,286	12,743	57	74
Wisconsin	C	10.19	582	5,712	55	64
Maine	C	10.24	136	1,328	67	83
National Avg.	*C*	*10.39*	*32,367*	*311,592*	*56*	*68*
Idaho	C	10.54	167	1,585	70	78
Delaware	C	10.91	99	907	48	69
Indiana	C	11.51	750	6,517	58	67
Texas	C	11.75	3,016	25,675	62	71
Iowa	C	11.76	360	3,062	57	64
Georgia	C	12.46	1,223	9,815	50	60
Florida	C	12.58	2,398	19,058	52	67
NC	C	12.71	1,227	9,656	53	62
Arizona	C	12.73	825	6,483	54	74
Missouri	C	13.04	784	6,011	60	68
Kansas	C	13.44	386	2,871	61	74
SD	C	13.47	111	824	62	72
Louisiana	C	14.75	675	4,575	58	68
Tennessee	C	14.77	946	6,403	34	40
Kentucky	D	16.5	721	4,369	59	69
New Mexico	D	16.95	353	2,082	69	76
SC	D	17.7	828	4,679	58	66
WV	D	18.16	337	1,855	63	68
Oklahoma	D	18.36	696	3,792	63	69
Alabama	D	18.61	894	4,803	64	71

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Arkansas	**D**	18.69	549	2,938	60	68
Montana	**F**	20.94	209	998	71	77
Mississippi	**F**	21.15	630	2,979	75	78
ND	**F**	21.64	148	684	69	71
Wyoming	**F**	23.76	135	568	70	71

With these new political safety information tools we can and must do better protecting people from crash tragedies.

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