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Dear Representative or Senator,

As an Emergency Nurse in the state of Florida, I urge you to support **HB 619 and SB 668 Child Restrain Requirements**. The Florida Emergency Nurses Association, (FENA) supports this law which saves lives and money, motor vehicle crashes cost the United States over 230 billion dollars* per year and the State of Florida 14.4 billion dollars*. We feel that we can no longer be silent. We are looking for a law maker willing to champion a bill to save lives, brain cells and money for the people of Florida. **Our IDEAL bill would enact booster seat laws that cover children up to age eight and subject to primary enforcement.**

Please help us by giving us a voice, and passing this bill as it comes across your desk. **668 Child Restrain Requirements** will save lives!

Here are some facts:

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children.

Almost ½ of the children are from the ages four to seven in 2004 were not appropriately restrained.

A 2004 Harris Poll conducted for Advocates shows that 84% of Americans support extending booster seat laws to age eight.

Restraining a child inappropriately in an adult seat belt results in a 3.5 fold increased risk of significant injury and more than four fold increased risk of significant head/brain injury.

The use of belt positioning booster seats lowers the risk of injury to children in crashes by 59%, compared to the use of vehicle seat belts.

(All these facts are from the advocates for Highways and Auto safety)

Please make health and fiscal responsibility a high priority for our state by supporting **HB 619 and SB 668 Child Restrain Requirements**.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Your name and address again