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Dear Representative or Senator,

As an Emergency Nurse in the state of Florida, I urge you to support **Primary Enforcement of Seat belt Laws**. 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 should enact primary enforcement of seat belt laws to increase the number of people including children, who use seatbelts and other restraints in order to save thousands of lives and prevent costly injuries each year.**

Please help us by giving us a voice, and passing a primary enforcement of seat belt bill if it comes across your desk, it will save lives!

Here are some facts:

A 2004 Lou Harris Poll found that four out of five Americans believe that seat belt use should be enforced like any other traffic violation.

According to NHTSA, seat belts are credited with preventing 11,900 deaths and 325,00 serious injuries annually. If all passengers were to use their seat belts, an additional 9,200 deaths and 143,000 serious injuries could be prevented each year.

In 2004:

55% of passengers who were killed were unbelted.

62% of teens killed were unbelted.

Estimated 26 billion annually in medical care, lost productivity and other injury related cost

(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 **Primary Enforcement of Seat belt Laws**. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Your name and address again