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Dear Mr. Perrotte:

This is in response to your e-mail correspondence to our Office of Public Affairs. It was forwarded to our office for response. Thank you for sharing your story and describing your efforts to prevent others from choosing to drink and drive.

It is not common for us to receive correspondence from those who have committed an impaired driving offense. You are to be commended for taking responsibility for your impaired driving crash and for advocating for others not to drive impaired.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is dedicated to finding solutions to America's impaired driving problem. We have identified priority strategies that may have the greatest impact on reducing impaired driving, which include high visibility enforcement, improved judicial systems, and alcohol screening and brief intervention.

Recently, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) launched a new Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving. This campaign is a 4-point plan to lead the nation toward the goal of eliminating drunk driving and includes: 1) intensive high visibility enforcement; 2) full implementation of current alcohol ignition interlock technologies for offenders; 3) exploration of advanced ignition interlock technologies through the establishment of a Blue Ribbon panel of international safety experts and 4) mobilization of grassroots support for these efforts. NHTSA supports this campaign. For more information about the campaign, go to www.madd.org.

NHTSA has also created a website, www.stopimpaireddriving.org, which contains the latest information and materials to combat drinking and driving. We encourage you to visit this site as well as NHTSA's homepage, www.nhtsa.gov.

Thank you very much for writing.

Sincerely yours,

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