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Representative Doug Green
Chairman, House Transportation and Public Safety Committee
77 S. High Street, 13th Floor
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Dear Representative Green:

The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers and its members have long recognized the risks of distracted driving and support appropriate laws with high-visibility enforcement.

House Bill 95 defines “distracted” to include using a handheld electronic communications devices while driving a vehicle, except under specific circumstances. Furthermore, the legislation increases the penalty for drivers who violate various provisions of the Revised Code while distracted.

The Alliance supports this prohibition and worked with Representative Hughes to carefully write the bill to ensure that it allows for the safe use of devices integrated into a vehicle and hands-free use of handheld electronic communication devices.

The Alliance appreciates the opportunity Representative Hughes has provided to work collectively on this legislation and craft a bill that addresses the critical issue of driver distraction, while also preserving opportunities in the vehicle to enhance safety.

The Alliance respectfully asks for the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee’s support of HB 95.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Renée Gibson
Director, State Affairs

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