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To the Ohio State Senate,

I was working with my 24-year-old son, Jeremiah, on the trash route. On Friday, November 28, 2008 at 10:30 AM, we were picking up trash on Porter Central Road in Sunbury, Ohio. I had just dumped the trash toter and was returning it to the driveway. I was at the edge of the road and heard a sound of a speeding car. It did not slow down, and then I was struck.

The Ohio State Patrol investigated the crash. I was thrown 44' down the roadway, and rolled to a mangled heap in the grass. My son (now 33 years old) saw the entire event. I was unconscious for quite a while, with multiple serious bone breaks and other injuries. My son thought I was dead at the scene when he called in to management. The car driver was cited by the police and found guilty in court.

I was off work for 7 months and 10 days with a broken leg; hip, shoulder and head injuries. I was on limited duty another month before returning to the route. This incident dramatically and drastically changed my life and that of my family. Thank you for discussing legislation to protect us as we do our job.

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