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Representative Jim Butler
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
77 South High Street, 13th Floor
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RE: OH SB 146

Dear Representative Butler:

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

Senate Bill 146 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 provides of the Revised Code while distracted.

The Alliance supports this prohibition and worked with Senator Hughes to carefully amend 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 Senator 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 Judiciary Committee’s support of SB 146.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Renée Wadsworth
Director, State Affairs

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