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SUBJECT: BOOSTER SEATS

Bill Number/Title: H2201 CHILD RESTRAINT BOOSTER SEATS

Legislative Notification:

HB2201 requires children age 5–8 to be transported using belt positioning booster seats. The bill has been amended by the sponsor to apply statewide, be enforced as a secondary offense, and carry a fine of no more than \$10.

The National SAFE KIDS campaign has demonstrated that belt-positioning booster seats reduce injuries by 59% in comparison to adult safety belts. Motor vehicle fatalities among children under 5 have decreased by as much as 24% since 1987, but fatalities among children 5-8 decreased only 1% during this time because booster seats have not been used. In addition to the cost of human life, these deaths and injuries exceed \$36 billion annually in medical and insurance costs. Every dollar spent on a child safety seat saves an estimated \$32.00 in health care costs.

The City of Tucson Mayor and Council supports H2201 as a way to save lives, prevent injury, and help educate the public about child passenger safety.

Because of strong efforts by the community, H2201 passed COW. The bill has been scheduled for the final vote of the House of Representatives for a number of days. **The leadership needs to hear that this bill should be voted on this week** The members need to hear your support. Please contact them and urge them **to vote YES on H2201**. The House telephone number and committee member e-mail addresses follow.

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