

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JULY 4

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

IN 1982, 900 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF FIVE WERE KILLED ~~AS~~
~~OCCUPANTS IN AUTOMOBILES INVOLVED~~ IN CAR WRECKS, AND ANOTHER
50,000 WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED, RUINING LIVES, DESTROYING CLOSE
KNIT FAMILIES AND COSTING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO OUR ECONOMY.

TRAGICALLY, CAR CRASHES KILL TEN TIMES AS MANY CHILDREN AS
ALL THE DISEASES WE IMMUNIZE THEM AGAINST. FORTUNATELY THOUGH,
THIS PROBLEM IS LARGELY PREVENTABLE. THE PROPER USE OF CHILD
RESTRAINTS IN AUTOMOBILES IS PROVEN TO BE 90 PERCENT ^{TO effective} IN PREVENTING
DEATHS AND 67 PERCENT EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING SEVERE INJURIES AMONG
OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN.

FOR THIS REASON, I AM A SPONSOR OF HR 2352, WHICH WOULD SET
ASIDE A SMALL PORTION OF THE HIGHWAY TRUST FOR INCENTIVE GRANTS
TO STATES ADOPTING LAWS REQUIREING THE USE OF CHILD RESTRAINTS AND
TO ASSIST THOSE STATES TO DEVELOP AND ENHANCE WELL-ROUNDED PROGRAMS
THAT EFFECTIVELY COMPLEMENT THEIR LAWS.

THIS IS AN EFFORT WHICH WILL SAVE LIVES, AND IT DESERVES TO
BE APPROVED.

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