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## To whom it may concern,

My name is Michael Carroll, Head Health Teacher at Cherry Creek High School. I am writing this letter to highly recommend Joel Feldman's Distracted Driving presentation.

Joel and his organization, EndDD.org, have presented Distracted Driving lessons in our Health classes for that last handful of years. I was introduced to Joel via a Cherry Creek graduate and quickly realized his presentation would strongly align with our curriculum and standards. I'm very thankful for Joel' lessons, because they have changed the way I drive. I no longer drive distracted. This is a testament to the influence the Distracted Driving presentation has had on me. My students consistently provide positive feedback and discussions post the Distracted Driving lesson. Many of my students also agree that it changes their perception of Distracted Driving and will positively change the way they drive.

Recently, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Joel virtually presented his Distracted Driving lessons in our Health classes. I was unsure how the virtual presentation would be received by students. I was concerned the virtual presentation may not have the same positive impact. Gladly, I can say the virtual presentation went very smooth and still had a very constructive impact on our students. Many of our students stated the virtual presentation was beneficial and certainly changed their perception about Distracted Driving.

In conclusion, Joel does a wonderful job of involving students throughout his presentations. This engagement keeps students focused and alert. Joel's lessons allow students to understand the selfishness of driving distracted and how it's similar to the self-centeredness of drunk driving. This "not cool" and selfish mindset is a great approach to change culture and end Distracted Driving. Again, I highly recommend Joel Feldman's Distracted Driving presentation. Please don't hesitate to contact me at <u>MCarroll7@CherryCreekSchools.org</u> with any questions.

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