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### Letter of Recommendation for Joel Feldman

It is a complete honor for me to write this letter on behalf of Mr. Feldman his End Distracted Driving (End DD) presentation. I am quite certain that in my 23-year career in education, I have heard a 30 + motivational speakers, either at teacher orientations, professional development or coaching seminars. There is no doubt in my mind that Joel is one of best I have ever heard.

We had the good fortune of bringing Joel to our Annual Driver Education Professional Development training. Joel has an almost uncanny ability to gain trust and respect immediately by virtue of the depth of his knowledge on issues facing today's teen drivers, and community in general. Through his leadership that day, we were able to identify the top issues of teen drivers that he, in turn, incorporated into his presentation to our teachers in attendance. You could have heard a pin drop at any point during his presentation. Moreover, their response to Joel was unprecedented. The feedback regarding Joel's presentation was as positive as I have heard. The teacher surveys regarding the PD Day were full of positive comments about Joel and his story. He touched the lives of many teachers that day. Teachers who have a direct impact on the attitudes and actions of teen drivers across our state. As parents, his story was very emotional for many of us in the audience.

Joel delivers a message of hope, love, and compassion for our fellow human beings. There are two strong themes that are apparent from Joel: The greatest things in life aren't things, and at the end of your life, it's not about how much money you've made or what you've become, it's about the relationships you've had with others along the way. While his daughter's death was tragic and he must live with the loss of Casey every day, he believes that getting education to as many people as possible; adults, high school students, elementary students, is the key to preventing this from happening to others. I believe that the reason he has such an impact on all that he presents to is that he is clearly genuine in every regard. When you hear Joel speak, you fully realize that there is nothing artificial about him -- it truly comes from his heart.

We were privileged to have Joel speak to our driver education teachers that day. His impact will be felt throughout the state as they return to their classrooms and talk to their students about distracted driving. I know many of them are eager to have Joel come to their classes and speak to their students. It is with only the highest regards that I recommend Joel for any speaking engagement, and I wish him only the very best! Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

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