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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for Joel Feldman's *End Distracted Driving* presentation and to strongly recommend funding for his organization, EndDD.org. Joel's visit to our school had a profound and lasting impact on our community, and one that goes well beyond one single presentation.

Joel's talk on safe and defensive driving was raw, real, and emotionally powerful. He shared personal, gut-wrenching stories, most notably, the tragic loss of his daughter to a distracted driver, that made every listener stop and reflect. He didn't sugarcoat anything. Instead, he challenged students to confront the reality that they are not invincible and to take full responsibility while behind the wheel.

What sets Joel apart is his ability to speak with both compassion and urgency. He connects with students without lecturing, and he empowers them to make safer choices, think defensively, and become advocates for one another. The presentation inspired important conversations among students and parents alike. Many families reached out afterward to say how grateful they were for such an honest and eye-opening experience.

The work being done through EndDD.org is saving lives. It is essential that this organization receive the funding needed to expand its reach and continue providing this critical education to young drivers across the country. Joel's message is not only timely, it's transformative.

Please consider supporting this life-saving work.

Sincerely,

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