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The Honorable Peter Micciche
Capitol Building, Room 125
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Dear Senator Micciche,

I am contacting you today regarding SB 123, *Prohibit Use of Cell Phone While Driving*. This bill is currently in the possession of your committee, Senate Community and Regional Affairs and I understand the bill will be considered in a second hearing this week.

I would like to express my support for this legislation. The Municipality Of Anchorage submitted a request to the Legislature in 2013 to have this bill introduced. This problem is not unique to Municipality Of Anchorage. However, my office has received many calls, emails and letters from residents of Anchorage who have found themselves in the frightening situation where a driver is not paying attention to the road, vehicles or pedestrians around them and have had several close calls. We would like to try to address this safety issue before a true tragedy takes place. This bill would provide local Assemblies the authority to adopt ordinances prohibiting the use of cell phones while driving in school zones within their municipalities. HB 123 does not require municipalities to make such changes to their local codes, but gives them the option to do so if the problem exists in their community.

I urge you and your fellow committee members to support this legislation. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Sullivan
Mayor