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FOLEY CITY COUNCIL OFFERS UNANIMOUS SUPPORT TO BILL REQUIRING HANDS-FREE CELL PHONES WHILE DRIVING

Foley, Minn. – Feb. 24, 2017 – The Foley City Council voted unanimously during a special Council Workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 22, to support a Bill co-authored by State Rep. Jim Newberger. The Bill requires Minnesota drivers to use hands-free cell phones while driving. The Council expressed their support in a letter written by Mayor Gerard Bettendorf.

February 24, 2017

Dear Representative Jim Newberger,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Foley City Council to offer our unanimous support for your bill requiring Minnesota drivers to use hands-free cell phones while driving.

Distracted driving and pedestrian safety are always in the forefront of our minds in Foley as State Highway 23 divides the north and south sides of our community. Recent events have created a new sense of urgency. Earlier this year, two traffic fatalities in less than a week occurred within City limits on Highway 23 in almost the exact same spot.

The City of Foley is actively working with MNDOT to find solutions that will reduce the risk of accidents along this stretch of road. We believe your hands-free bill is another way to help make roads safer, not just for the people of Foley but for all Minnesotans. Thank you for your continued efforts in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gerard Bettendorf
Mayor of Foley

Foley, Minn. is the County Seat of Benton County, a rural community located 50 minutes north of Minneapolis and St. Paul and 15 minutes northeast of St. Cloud, Minn. Living in Foley offers a small town atmosphere along with many recreational opportunities, including two city parks, a skateboard park, golf course, a municipal swimming pool and walking trail. Foley has a population of more than 2,600.

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