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Fine Supports Bill to Crack Down on Distracted Driving

GLENVIEW, IL – Last week, state Rep. Laura Fine (D-Glenview) joined lawmakers in supporting legislation that would make roads safer for Illinois drivers. Fine supported House Bill 1247, which prohibits drivers from using hand-held cell phones while driving.

“Last year, there were over 950 fatal traffic accidents in Illinois,” said Fine. “Many of these accidents could have been avoided if drivers paid less attention to their phones and more attention to the roads. I am committed to helping Illinois families stay safe on their way to work and school.”

House Bill 1247 continues efforts by state officials to crack down on distracted driving. Under the proposed legislation, drivers would be required to use a headset and operate electronic devices in a hands-free mode while driving. Law enforcement officials will be allowed to make traffic stops for cell phone use while driving. Seventy-six communities currently have cell phone use bans. This bill would provide uniformity across the state.

“My husband was injured in a serious car accident due to distracted driving,” said Fine. “I know the complications and hardships that can result from distracted driving, and I want to make sure that no other family has to go through what we did. This ban on using electronic devices while driving is a common sense solution to a serious and growing problem.”

For more information about this or other upcoming pieces of legislation, please contact Rep. Fine’s constituent services office by calling (847) 998-1717 or by e-mailing RepFine@gmail.com.

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