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Sen. Court introduces bill targeting distracted driving

Denver, CO -- Today, State Sen. Lois Court introduced the Use of Mobile Electronic Devices While Driving Act. Current law only applies to individuals who are younger than 18 years of age.

If passed, Sen. Court's bill would:

- Extend the prohibition to drivers of all ages;
- Establish a penalty of \$300 per violation;
- Extend the existing prohibition of the use of wireless telephones to include all mobile electronic devices; and
- Create an exception to the prohibition for adult drivers who use a mobile electronic device with hands-free technology

The bill has received endorsements from the following groups:

- Coloradans Organized for Responsible Driving (CORD)
- American Bikers Aimed Toward Education (ABATE)
- American Automobile Association (AAA) of Colorado
- Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety
- Colorado State Patrol Department of Public Safety
- Bicycle Colorado
- Bike Blue
- 39 local cycling business from across Colorado (full list available upon request)
- Colorado Bikers
- Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association (RMIIA)
- National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC)
- Property and Casualty Insurance Association of America (PCI)
- BikerDown
- Colorado Rider News
- **O'Sullivan Law Firm**
- Colorado District Attorneys Council
- Colorado Motor Carriers Association

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Sen. Court is serving her first term in the state senate, after being elected in 2016. She served four terms in the state house, from 2009 to 2017. Prior to serving in the state legislature, Sen. Court worked on various political campaigns for decades **and served in Mayor Wellington Webb's administration in the 1990s. She is the Senate Democratic Caucus Chair** and sits on both the Senate Finance Committee and Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee. She can be reached by email at loiscourt@msn.com or by phone at [303.866.4861](tel:303.866.4861)