



Legislative Update

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Dear Friend,

I am emailing today to alert you to the implementation this past weekend of a new law prohibiting texting or talking on a cell phone without a hands-free device while driving and upcoming timelines for Open Enrollment for Medicare.

Texting or talking on a cell phone while driving

On Saturday, October 1, a new law went into effect prohibiting texting or talking on a cellular without a hands-free device while driving. Law enforcement will issue a verbal or written warning for these violations until the end of the year. Beginning January 1, 2012, violations will result in graduated fines. You can also find more in-depth information in this article from the Reno Gazette Journal:

<http://www.rgj.com/article/20110927/NEWS/109250364/1459/news02>.

Important Information for Owners of Classic Cars

If you own a classic car, street rod, classic rod or old timer vehicle, a new law took effect on October 1 that exempts these vehicles from emission inspections if they were not driven more than 5000 miles in the previous year. I sponsored this legislation, AB 2, at the request of a constituent.

Owners of these vehicles will need to fill out a form and pay a fee that equals the cost of complying with the emission standards. If you have any questions about this legislation, please feel free to contact me.

Important News for Medicare-Eligible Seniors

The Open Enrollment period to review and change Medicare coverage is **October 15-- December 7, 2011**. This year's Open Enrollment period starts earlier and lasts longer.

To get more information or assistance for Open Enrollment, call the Nevada Consumer Health Assistance Office toll-free at 1-888-333-1597. A bulletin from the US Department of Health and Human Services lists several additional ways you can get more information about this process---

* Visit www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan to compare your current coverage with all of the options that are available in your area, and enroll in a new plan if you decide to make a change.

* Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24-hours a day/7 days a week to find out more about your coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

* Review the Medicare & You 2012 handbook. It is mailed to people with Medicare in September.

* Visit www.medicare.gov/contacts.

My contact information for additional questions

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As always, if you do not wish to receive my email legislative updates, please respond to this email and I will remove you from the list.

Sincerely,

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