

CIVICS RENEWAL NETWORK

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Issue Texting and driving is a concerning topic for this day and age because as technology develops so do many new risks. When people think texting and driving they think teenagers but they're not the only ones with access to phones. The current no texting while driving law in Missouri only affects drivers up to the age of 21. I feel that the law should be expanded to affect EVERYONE.

Project Description Currently I have only discussed this issue with members of my community and all of them seem to concur with the idea that the current law of texting while driving should be expanded to affect people of all ages. If the citizens of Missouri seem to feel the same way about the safety on the road shouldn't the General Assembly considering revising the law? In the near future I shall be contacting the local news station, KMIZ 17, about this issue. Recently I've noticed this particular news station has done several reports on texting while driving. Here's a link to one of their articles that matches the subject I have discussed: <http://www.abc17news.com/news/lawmakers-experience-texting-and-driving-firsthand/25501636>

Project Outcome Inconclusive; project still in the process.

Request I understand that there are legislators in the state of Missouri already working to expand the law. What can I do to help these legislators? How can I get connected with those individuals? I know that there are some states that have also already changed the law. When will Missouri join this list?