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The Honorable Raja Krishnamoorthi  
U.S. House of Representatives  
115 Cannon House Office Building  
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Dear Representative Krishnamoorthi:

As the President of Safe Kids Worldwide, the nation's leading organization working to protect kids from preventable injuries, I write in support of the Booster Seat Safety Act. This legislation would improve the safety of booster seats and other child restraint systems ("car seats") sold in the United States. This important measure would require clear labeling of car seats and their packaging to help parents choose the safest seat for their growing child. It would also direct the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to establish side-impact crash testing standards for child restraint systems and guidelines for a standard test dummy approximating a 6-year-old child for the purposes of such testing.

It's natural for parents to see their child's early advancement through developmental milestones as a positive. However, car seats are a paradox in this regard, as safety advocates encourage parents to keep their kids in each type of seat (rear-facing, forward-facing, booster seats) until they exceed the seat manufacturer's height and weight limits. The labeling required under this bill would make this potentially life-saving advice and the relevant height/weight limits clearly available to any parent comparing seats for their child.

This bill also drives forward the process of developing a standard for side-impact testing of car seats, providing parents with the peace of mind they deserve when choosing a seat for their child. Claims about side-impact testing are already common in the market for car seats, and parents may assume that they refer to a standardized test. Unfortunately, as illustrated by last year's report from the Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy under your leadership, this is not the case.

Safe Kids Worldwide is a grassroots non-profit dedicated to preventing unintentional child injuries, the leading cause of death to children in the United States. We work with a nationwide network of over 400 Safe Kids coalitions, based at children's hospitals, trauma centers, first responder agencies and community non-profits. As a trusted resource for parents, we educate on how to prevent injuries and advocate for smart public policy to keep kids injury-free.

This legislation would help advance our mission and we commend you for your leadership to promote child passenger safety on our nation's roadways.

Sincerely,

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