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Gentlepersons!

I am writing to encourage the total ban of texting or talking on a cell phone while driving. I would agree with Professor Walker who advocates making a total ban on talking on a cell phone, which includes Blue Tooth and non hand-held devices.

On two occasions I was almost injured by a driver talking on a cell phone. A while back I was headed west on Huron turning into the Campus Inn to pick someone up. When I looked in the rear view mirror I could see this car coming at me at a rapid rate of speed and the young woman driver was on a cell phone. She stopped inches from my car.

Last week driving west on East Stadium Boulevard I was stopped at the light to make a left turn onto South Industrial. The light changed indicating I could make my turn. I waited a few seconds as I usually do when a light turns green in Ann Arbor, because so frequently people just run red lights. Fortunately I waited those few seconds as a car, eastbound, ran the red light at a high rate of speed and again there was a young woman talking on a cell phone, oblivious to what was going on around her. Had I started as the light turned green she would have plowed into the driver's side of my car.

Sincerely yours,



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