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COLUMBUS, OHIO – The below statement can be attributed to Ohio Chamber President & CEO Steve Stivers following a [news release](#) by the Ohio Department of Transportation that announced that “according to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the average number of crashes in Ohio has dropped by 8%, injuries are down 3%, and traffic fatalities have declined by 4%” in the two years since Senate Bill 288 took effect.

“The Ohio Chamber strongly supported Senate Bill 288, asserting that it was an important first step in changing our culture of normalizing distracted driving. Now, two years later in Distracted Driving Awareness Month, the Ohio Department of Transportation has announced these incredibly encouraging statistics that prove SB 288’s effectiveness. While we still have a long way to go, every life that is saved as a result of this legislation is an incredible win for the State of Ohio, and we thank Gov. DeWine for his continued efforts on this issue.”

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