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## Cell Phone Jammers

New Technologies Preventing Cell Phones Use While Driving

The U.S. Department of Transportation is looking at new technologies to prevent drivers from using their cell phones while driving, a trend that has grown and resulted in an alarming number of fatalities and injuries. Last year, texting or talking on the phone claimed nearly 5,500 lives and an additional 500,000 people were injured.

Ray Lahood, Transportation Secretary, has confirmed several studies of various technologies are under way that will help prevent these kinds of accidents, including devices that are able to disable cell phones. This kind of technology is being further examined in an effort to eliminate the use of cell phones while people are driving. While discussing the issue with

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### \$100 Office Depot® Gift Card Awarded Each Week To Seattle Public School Teachers

A whopping 97% of public school teachers frequently dip into their own pockets to purchase necessary classroom supplies. The poor economy and shriveled budgets have pushed officials to make cuts that are so deep that teachers are spending more of their own money with hopes that their students won't feel the pinch. They are spending their own money on software, educational games, paper, crayons, pencils, glue and other similar materials. And some are purchasing supplies for those students that just can't afford to buy the basics.

According to a study by the National School Supply and Equipment Association (NSSEA), public school teachers in the United States spent more than \$1.33 billion out of pocket on supplies and instructional materials in the 2009-2010 school year. Another survey revealed that teachers spend on average \$356 per year of their own money on supplies and resources.

When attorney Chris Davis and his wife heard these shocking statistics they knew that they had to help. They created the Davis Law Group School Supplies Gift Program to help teachers in Seattle Public Schools get the supplies that they need. Both Chris and Mischelle's mothers were public school teachers. They wanted to find a way to recognize teachers for their commitment and help relieve some of their financial burden.



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MSNBC, Lahood stated that "There's a lot of technology out there now that can disable phones and we're looking at that. That's one way. But you have to have good laws, you have to have good enforcement, and you have to have people take personal responsibility. That's the bottom line."



Cell phone jammers would render all cell phones useless. Not only would the driver's cell phone be unusable but any of the vehicles' other occupants cell phones would be as well. There are obvious glitches in

this strategy but the Department of Transportation is already looking into software solutions that will be able to detect when a cell phone is being used while driving.

Since this restricting technology is not mandated by the Government, it will most likely be left up to the individuals who want to have the technology for their own benefit, or car companies can install such devices in their new models. Washington State currently has a law that makes talking on a cell phone without a hands free device and texting while

driving a primary offense with a fine of \$124.

Some skeptics believe that any added technology will not be enough to curb peoples' impulse to talk or text while driving and that ultimately a change of attitude will be responsible for lowering the number of distracted driving accidents. Until these new technologies are available, if more people decide to do the right thing and exhibit safe driving behavior at all times, not only would there be less tragedies, but these restricting devices would be rendered unnecessary. ■

## 2010's TOP 10 Worst Insurance Companies



1. Allstate- Consistently placing profits over their policyholders, Allstate was forced to make public its intention to earn a return for shareholders instead of focusing on taking care of their clients.
2. Unum- Earning the worst reputation among disability insurer's because of its deny and delay strategy towards claims, Unum are also constantly investigated because of their involvement in scandalous controversies.
3. AIG- The world's biggest insurer has been involved in scandals concerning claims-handling abuse for both individual and business clients. They have also been charged with multi-billion dollar corporate fraud, earning them the nickname "the new Enron".
4. State Farm- Notorious for their deny and delay tactics, the company goes to extreme lengths to avoid paying claims, like forging signatures and altering reports after major natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina.
5. Consec- By selling long-term care policies to the elderly that can no longer advocate for themselves, Consec exploits its clients' vulnerability to their advantage by delaying claims until their policyholder passes away.
6. WellPoint- Investigations have proven that WellPoint consistently cancels policies of pregnant women and chronically

- ill patients, confirming their cut throat strategy of putting the welfare of the company over that of their policyholders.
7. Farmers- Always ranking low on homeowner's satisfaction surveys, employees are given incentives to meet the lowest payment goals. Farmers' parent company just paid millions to settle a bid-rigging and price-fixing scandal, and they systematically place profits over policyholders.
8. United Health- Not only have they endangered patients' lives by delays and paying incredibly low reimbursement rates and jacked up premiums on products through AARP, but United Health's former CEO also faced criminal and civil charges for backdating stock options.
9. Torchmark- Having exploited low-income Southerners for over 100 years, Torchmark, has been involved in various schemes including: race-based underwriting and discrimination, refusing insurance to non-English speakers and overcharging premiums deliberately.
10. Liberty Mutual- Not only have they abused their policyholders by using the "deny, delay, defend" strategy but Liberty Mutual continues to refuse to plead guilty for systemic bid-rigging despite the overwhelming evidence against them. ■

More details at [WashingtonAccidentBooks.com](http://WashingtonAccidentBooks.com)

## Congratulation Scholar Athletes!



**Sejla Suta**  
Foster High School - 11/4/10

Sejla has shown that she never gives up. During her senior year of volleyball, Sejla was taken out by a season ending injury. She has since gone through two acl surgeries. But this isn't stopping her from returning to her competitive form once all is healed. For Sejla, the sky's the limit.

**Scott Singleton**  
Redmond High School - 11/9/10



Scott is dedicated to his sport of tennis. He is a 3 year varsity and plays competitively with the United State Tennis Association (USTA). He is a mentor and a leader among his peers. His tennis coach quotes, "Scott is the type of young man that any coach would like on their team as his practice and competition ethics are heart and soul driven."

**Mackey Hopen**  
Shorewood High School - 11/18/10

Starting swim practice at 4:45am, six days a week, Mackey strives to be the best in both athletics and academics. His hard work and determination has paid off as he has earned numerous merit awards and competitive swimming medals. His achievements include; 4A state team champions, third in 4A state for the 50 meter freestyle and second in 4A state for the 100 meter breaststroke.

**Cami Silerman**  
Eastside Catholic High School - 12/2/10

Cami Silverman is an active member of Eastside Catholic's Volleyball team. Her leadership and dedication led her team to Metro and District Championships.

She has been a model student that displays a high degree of integrity, responsibility and ambition. "In my fourteen years as an Athletic Director, Cami has displayed characteristics that rise above many elite student-athletes that I have had the privilege to work with." - Scott Garvis, Ar, Director of Athletics, Eastside Catholic High School.



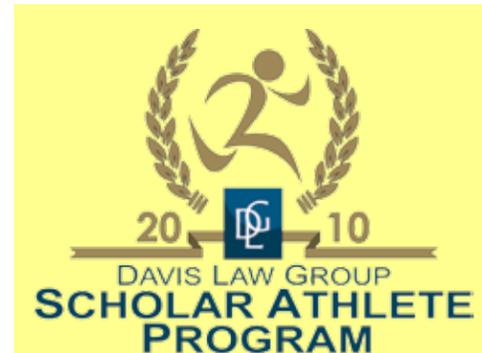
**Katy Ainslie**  
Eastlake High School - 12/8/10

Katy is actively involved in the basketball program at Eastlake High School, being awarded the honor of team captain her senior year. She is also involved in spring and summer AAU basketball with the Puget Sound Flight, as well as a number of extracurricular activities including National Honor Society, Relay for Life, and the Junior Orthopedics Guild.

**Daniel Davis**  
Lakes High School - 12/15/10



A hard-working student that achieved A's and B's since elementary school, Daniel Davis has always put his whole heart into whatever he put his mind to and never tolerated failure. He started playing football in 6th grade and excelled, never letting any injuries keep him down. Not even a torn ACL could stop him from playing his senior year. Despite going through reconstructive surgery and enduring intense physical therapy, Daniel worked hard and was able to play football when the season started again.



Each week, we select one student as the **Davis Law Group Scholar Athlete of the Week**. At the end of the year we will host a banquet where the weekly winners will be awarded a \$100 scholarship. Scholar Athletes of the Week also become eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship presented to one female and one male **Davis Law Group Scholar Athlete of the Year**.

For a student to be recognized as the Davis Law Group Scholar Athlete of the Week, he or she must have at least a 3.0 GPA, have enough credits to be recognized as a senior, and perform as a major contributor in his or her sport(s). Nominate a high school senior student athlete today!

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