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Dear Co-Signer:

This collection of materials was put together to help you better understand your rights and responsibilities as you become a Co-Signer for a probationary driver under the age of eighteen.

A copy of the Ohio Revised Code, section 4507.07, with the highlighted sections that you, as a Co-Signer, should read is included. Section 4507.07, paragraph 'C', allows the Co-Signer to return the driver's license of any person they signed for, under certain conditions. This section is very important to you as a Co-Signer, please read it carefully.

Also, there is a sample contract of understanding that may be helpful to you when you outline your expectations for your new driver. A blank contract has been included for you to complete together with your new driver.

The following facts concern youthful drivers. We hope you review these with your new driver to impact their understanding of the responsibility they will hold. Teenage driver's lack of experience with driving, combined with a sense of invulnerability, causes them to figure disproportionately in crash statistics. These facts are presented to make both teens and their Co-Signer aware of what a great responsibility driving a motor vehicle is.

- Traffic crashes are the number one killer of the nation's youth.
- Ohio has approximately 555,000 licensed drivers, 16-20 years of age. This represents 7% of all licensed drivers. This age group represents 15% of all drivers involved in crashes and 16% of all fatal crashes.
- Of the 298 motorists ages 16-20 who died in traffic crashes, 45 or 15%, were alcohol related.
- Most teenage passenger deaths (65%) occur in crashes in which another teenager is the driver.

Also included are the local curfew laws to help you designate curfew rules for your driver. This list should clear up any confusion about curfews in Lorain County.

Good luck with the licensing of your new driver. We hope this packet will give you the help you need to see your new driver safely into the future.

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