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Dear Fellow Moose "Brothers & Sisters",

I am the new Coordinator of the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Blue Ridge Chapter. I want to thank the Moose Lodge #715 for allowing me to clarify some of the misunderstandings about MADD and the purpose of our new chapter here in the area.

As most of you know, we lost my mom, Nancy Compton, 5 years ago due to a wreck involving a Drunk Driver. Even before her crash I had been an active supporter of "Designated Drivers". I can't call a DUI / DWI related crash an "Accident". My feeling is: **"Accidents are not preventable, DUI/DWI related "crashes or wrecks" are very preventable."**

A number of people seem to have the wrong impression of the mission of MADD & what it is all about. **We are not against drinking, that is unless you are under age.** We only strive to keep everyone safe on our Highways. My hope is that as our chapter grows, more of you will see this and become more supportive and possibly active with us.

I myself choose not to drink and therefore I know if someone needs my assistance, I will be able to get them home safely. I am hoping that ANYONE that feels they may be too impaired to drive, will be comfortable in coming to me and asking for a ride home. That is one of our purposes. We will be providing "Safe Rides" to anyone. JUST ASK.

Patsy King & Myself are certified as Victims Advocates, and we can offer information on counseling as well as other programs that could be helpful to any of you. Please know that all of the information we receive stays between you and our staff and is not made public. **It is all confidential.**

A few of the activities we are planning are: Monthly Meetings , Support Groups, Designated Driver Programs , Speaking at VASAP & High Schools (as well as any where we are requested), More Public Awareness Year-Round, Court Monitoring, Assistance for Victims & their Families, as well as a number of other programs.

If you are interested in assisting or need more information, feel free to contact Patsy or Myself.

Sincerely,

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