

Local Woman Speaks on Capitol Hill

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She lost her son in a terrible accident, now a local teacher is trying to help keep other kids safe.

Karen Pauly, a special education teacher at North Scott High School in Eldridge spent the day in Washington D.C. talking to members of Congress.

Her 19-month-old son was killed nearly two years ago when she accidentally backed over him with a car.

Now, she's pushing legislators to enforce a law which would require automakers to increase rearview visibility in their vehicles.

"The more awareness we can bring, the better," Pauly said. "I've done a lot of local things, but the biggest thing that I've done and between the six families here, I think we've reached a lot of people. And I'm hoping this will make it finally get passed."

The law was passed in 2008 but has never been enforced.

Pauly says in just the last two years, nearly 400 children have died after being run over by cars.

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