

Family demands action on car backup deaths after losing child

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Brandy and Michael Dahlen's daughter, Abigail, was killed in 2010 when a neighbor ran over her as she chased a ball into their driveway. (Source: CNN / Portrait Innovations)

(CNN) – Families who lost loved ones in vehicle backup accidents joined others in an attempt to make Congress enforce a law that is two years overdue.

More than 200 people are killed every year on average, with thousands more injured, by automobiles backing up. In 2008, federal lawmakers passed a law requiring rear cameras installed on all new models.

The Transportation Department was given until 2011 to enact the measures, but nothing was finalized.

"Every day of delay is outrageous, and we hope our message is heard today in Detroit and in the White House," Brandy Dahlen said.

Brandy and Michael Dahlen's daughter, Abigail, was killed in 2010 when a neighbor ran over her as she chased a ball into their driveway. They are among the protesters hoping to jar someone into taking action on the law.

DOT representatives declined an interview, but the department released a statement that it "remains committed to improving rearview visibility for the nation's automobiles."

More vehicles are available with the rear cameras, but automakers have not taken the initiative for making it a standard on everything they produce.

"If [our neighbor] would have had a camera, then yes Abigail would still be here," Brandy Dahlen said.

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