

## DeWitt Mom Pushes For Equipment To Prevent Back-Over Accidents

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Parents of children killed in vehicle back-over incidents, including a mother from DeWitt, are calling for action on a five-year-old law aimed at preventing such accidents.

In 2008, Congress passed a major transportation safety act which ordered the Department of Transportation to issue vehicle safety regulations. But after five years and four delays, those regulations, which include back-up cameras, and rear sensor

systems, have yet to be issued.

Safety advocates say the White House is stalling because automakers claim the technology is too costly. Federal safety experts say a rear-view camera system would add about \$175 to the price of a vehicle.

"This is one danger that we have absolute control over. We can stop children being driven over," said Rep. Jan Schakowsky. The Democrat from Illinois gathered with parents and talked to reporters at a news conference outside the Capitol Wednesday.

Karen Pauly from DeWitt was one of the parents there, supporting the push for safety. Two years ago, Pauly was backing her car out of the garage, unaware that her son, 19-month-old Jack, had snuck out of the house. She was unable to see him behind her car.

The event was organized by a child safety group known as Kids and Cars. More information is available at [www.KidsAndCars.org](http://www.KidsAndCars.org).

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