

## Parents Call For Rearview Camera Law

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This week a group of parents spent time in Washington, D.C., calling on President Obama to act on a five year old law aimed at preventing accidents like that one that requires rear view cameras on cars.

Statistics show blind spots in rear and side view mirrors are deadly.

Over 1,500 kids have died in back over and front over accidents in a decade.

One Dewitt mom is sharing her story in hopes that no parent ever has to go through what she did again.

This Wednesday will mark the two year anniversary of Karen Pauly's son, Jack's, death.

"He was a total farm boy, he loved tractors and he loved his dog," she says of her son.

In 2011, Karen was backing out her car when she didn't see her son behind her. He was just one and a half years old.

"It literally feels like your heart is broken; it doesn't really ever get better," she says.

There are hundreds of stories just like Jack's. Parents who've lost children too soon say rear view cameras may have given their kids a chance.

"You never know, but I like to think definitely as soon as we get this passed we're going to be saving lots and lots of lives," Pauly says.

Karen's car did have motion sensors, but they didn't pick up on Jack.

So a week after the accident, Karen and her family got cars with rear view cameras. She's been pushing to put them in every car ever since.

"It's been tabled four times," she says of the pending legislation, "There's been mention that they're concerned about technology and if it's where it needs to be, and then money."

The 'Kids and Cars' advocacy group says adding a rearview camera to a car tacks on \$175 to the final price tag, but to these parents, it's more than worth it.

"For the low cost, it's totally worth it to make sure you don't have to experience it to know," Pauly says.

For now, Karen and other parents are moving forward, spreading the word and trying to push this legislation through to save lives.

"It helps me feel hopeful for other families," she says.

Unfortunately, these types of accidents can happen to anyone, not just kids.

A 2009 traffic report estimates over 1,7000 people are killed in similar accidents every year.

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