

Dear Friends

Perhaps the moment of silence that we are about to observe - in memory of our loved ones who perished in road crashes -- will **not be** a moment of **silence** at all. Perhaps in this moment- we will hear- echoes of the voices of family members, friends, and colleagues. Sounds we have ached to hear, many of us, for long and painful years.

Perhaps their voices will urge us to **remain impatient, indeed** to grow even **more impatient, To continue to petition, protest, advocate, convene, measure, enact, enforce, until that promise that we all carry in our hearts, will be fulfilled... the promise that someday, beautiful lives will no longer end abruptly and senselessly, on the roads of the world.**

Perhaps they will encourage us, if we are feeling that gains seem too small, and advances too slow., And remind us that progress that has been made thus far, by the world road safety community; And that progress has been remarkable. The momentum is growing, palpable and inspiring,

Perhaps they will congratulate us on the efforts and vision of this Alliance which will surely become a powerful and resounding collective force for road safety.

They will surely remind us of the preciousness of each moment, the unique, **irreplaceable** beauty of each **individual**, the fragility and tenuousness of life, and our sacred responsibility to make this a road safe world for all.

We honor the memory of those who died in road crashes. They shatter our hearts, strengthen our resolve and compel us to action. Let us let us listen to their voices as we stand in silence. Please rise.

With great sadness we note the passing of two beloved colleagues and passionate champions of road safety since our last Alliance Global meeting . Dr Daouda Sagna, Director of projects for LASER International Senegal and , Secretary of the Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety,

and just several days ago, Moira Winslow, founder of Drive Alive, South African

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