

# Teamsters Local Union No. 455

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Senate Bill 29 was voted out of committee today with bipartisan support and only one NO vote. Senate Majority leader Brandon Shaffer has sponsored this legislation, requiring that passengers on school buses that are purchased after June 30, 2010, wear safety belts. Senator Shaffer's bill contains the following amendment, "...the driver of a school bus shall be immune from any penalty imposed for a violation of this paragraph (b) while in the course and scope of the drivers' duties.

Teamsters 455 Political Director Ted Textor testified in favor of S.B. 29, with the driver penalty exemption, and on behalf of the drivers Local 455 is organizing in Grand Junction and elsewhere. The Senate Transportation Committee members heard strong, dramatic and, at times, difficult testimony regarding the urgent need for seat belts on our buses, including from Rose Swenby. Mrs. Swenby's son, eleven year old Kevin, was killed in a 1989 Boulder County school bus crash. Mrs. Swenby testified that, "If Kevin had been in a seat belt, he'd be here today. He'd be 31 years old. He deserved to not have to go to school, feel safe, and then die because of money." Local 455 will continue our efforts to get SB29, as amended, enacted.



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