



Dear Michigan Motorist:

Today's cars offer you a level of safety and convenience unimaginable a few decades ago. Back-up cameras, blind spot and lane departure warning systems, automatic braking, and traction and stability control are just some of the latest features available on many of today's models.

While these safety features have an important role in protecting motorists, the single most important safety feature in a car remains you as the driver. Driving is a complex task involving an ever changing set of circumstances and conditions. It requires practice, skills and knowledge.

I am pleased to offer this latest edition of *What Every Driver Must Know* to novice and experienced drivers alike. In it, you will find information about obtaining a driver's license, common traffic laws, signs and signals, and basic driving tips for sharing the road and handling emergency situations.

When driving, please remember to always wear a safety belt, make sure all passengers are appropriately buckled up, obey traffic laws and never drink alcohol or use drugs. Be careful to ensure that distractions such as your mobile phone, navigational and entertainment displays, or eating and drinking do not pull your attention from driving. It is dangerous and illegal to text and drive in Michigan.

Our state offers much for motorists to explore and enjoy. I hope that wherever the road takes you, that you have a pleasant and safe journey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth A. Johnson".

Ruth Johnson