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And Via Facsimile: 503-823-0342

Mr. Robin Lopez
c/o Portland Trail Blazers
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Re: Distracted Driving

Dear Mr. Lopez, Portland Police Bureau, and Portland Trail Blazers:

Distracted driving is a serious problem in America. According to recent government statistics, distracted drivers kill over 3,000 and injure over 400,000 Americans each year. These statistics, and many others, are available at www.distraction.gov.

Today, while reading the Oregonian online, I was shocked to see that distracted driving was dealt with as a joke by Mr. Lopez, a player whom I admire greatly for his work on and off the court, and by the Police Bureau, the people entrusted with our community's safety. I'm sure that the Police Bureau and Mr. Lopez both appreciate that while a Star Wars trailer may be awesome, arriving to your destination alive, or without hurting or killing another, is even better. Likewise, in discharging its duties to the community, the Police Bureau should know better than to show what can be construed as favoritism in enforcing the law.

I'm a huge Trail Blazers fan, a huge fan of Mr. Lopez, and I carry a tremendous amount of respect for the men and women who are charged with keeping this community safe. However, this is one instant where all involved showed very poor judgment. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Devin N. Robinson

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