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Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi Receives Safe Kids Worldwide Child Passenger Safety Award

Representative recognized for work to promote safety among high-risk, underserved kids

Itasca, IL. - Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi received the distinguished Safe Kids Worldwide Child Passenger Safety Award today during a car seat and booster seat safety check event at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) National Headquarters in Itasca. Presented by Safe Kids President Torine Creppy, the award recognized Rep. Krishnamoorthi for his work to promote child passenger safety in Illinois and across the country, particularly in communities that have historically been underserved.

The event also featured a car seat check component where certified child passenger safety technicians provided free car seat installation inspections to families in the community to ensure their car seats were used and installed correctly. Amazon sponsored the event by providing free car seats for those in need.

"I'm very grateful to be honored by Safe Kids with this award today," said Congressman Krishnamoorthi. "As a parent of three children myself, I know that the top priority for any parent is the safety of their children, which is why I was proud to introduce the Booster Seat Safety Act earlier this year to help improve federal booster seat standards for millions of children. I look forward to continuing my work with Safe Kids in the future to make sure that every child riding in a vehicle is safe in my congressional district and across the country."

"Congressman Krishnamoorthi is a true champion of child passenger safety, and we are pleased to recognize his efforts with this award," said Torine Creppy, president of Safe Kids Worldwide. "Safe Kids has prioritized protecting kids who are in high-risk, underserved communities and Rep. Krishnamoorthi has demonstrated his commitment to making sure that ALL kids are safe when riding in a vehicle."

"Safety is a top priority at Amazon. We value our collaboration with Safe Kids Worldwide and the American Academy of Pediatrics, and appreciate the opportunity to partner on product safety education so that children are in the right car seats and caregivers have the right information," said Mark Fellin, Head of Product Trust and Regulatory Compliance at Amazon. "We congratulate Rep. Krishnamoorthi on this award. We look forward to working with Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Safe Kids, and the AAP in promoting proper car seat use, and providing car seats to families in need."

Earlier this year, Rep. Krishnamoorthi attended a car seat distribution event at Firman Community Center in Chicago to help distribute car seats to families in the community. The event also promoted Rep. Krishnamoorthi's legislation, the Booster Seat Safety Act, which would implement clear standards for booster seat labeling and safety testing.

According to NHTSA, 42 percent of children killed in car crashes were unrestrained. In addition, 46 percent of car seats and booster seats are used incorrectly. This makes events like car seat checks a critical component of ensuring child safety when riding in vehicles.

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ABOUT SAFE KIDS WORLDWIDE

Safe Kids Worldwide is a nonprofit organization working to protect kids from preventable injuries, the number one cause of death for children in the United States. Safe Kids works with an extensive network of more than 400 coalitions in the U.S. and with partners in more than 30 countries to reduce traffic injuries, drownings, falls, burns, poisonings, and more. Safe Kids also engages in advocacy efforts to make kids safer at the federal, state, and local levels. Since 1988, Safe Kids has helped reduce the U.S. childhood death rate from unintentional injury by nearly 60 percent. Learn more at [safekids.org](https://www.safekids.org).