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Drew Kitchens Appointed to National Child Passenger Safety Board

ITASCA, IL – The National Child Passenger Safety Board is proud to announce the appointment of Drew Kitchens. He will serve on the Board in the position of Child Restraint Manufacturers Representative.

Mr. Kitchens works as engineering director/car seats at Newell Brands, which produces Graco car seats and baby products. When he joined the Graco team in 2010, he enrolled in a Child Passenger Safety Technician training course and has served in his community as a certified Technician for the last decade.

“Drew brings both a technical expertise and practical knowledge of how car seats work to protect children during transportation,” National Child Passenger Safety Board Secretariat Amy Artuso said. “He is at ease speaking about how the top tether couples the car seat to the vehicle and limits movement in the event of a collision. And, as the father of three children, he is equally comfortable providing information to parents and caregivers looking to keep their own children safe. We look forward to him sharing his talents as a member of our Board.”

All three of Drew’s children have ridden – or are still riding – in car seats designed by his team. He has been motivated throughout his career in child passenger safety by a desire to improve people’s everyday lives. His passion is born out of the contagious energy of working side-by-side with so many others who share his commitment to safety.

Drew once worked alongside colleague and former National CPS Board member Carol Helminski at a car seat check event in an underserved community outside of Denver. The event proved to be one of the most rewarding experiences of his professional life. Drew recalls the heartwarming feeling he took away after learning the inspiration for the check event came from a local girl who saw a need and raised attention. As a result, many families were provided car seat education and new car seats.

Mr. Kitchens graduated from the University of Georgia in 2003. He and his wife, Bethany, have three children: Ben, 13, Chloe, 11, and Emmeline, 6. On weekends, Drew enjoys spending time hiking with his family. He is one of four new Board members. Denise Donaldson, Kellie O’Riordan and Jim Savage also will begin serving on the Board in May 2020. To learn more about each new Board member, please visit: <https://www.cpsboard.org/board-membership/learn-about-the-board/>.

About the National Child Passenger Safety Board

The National Child Passenger Safety Board, managed by the National Safety Council, seeks to maintain the quality and integrity of the National Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training curriculum. The curriculum is used to train and certify child passenger safety technicians and instructors. For more information about child passenger safety or the National CPS Board, please visit the Board's website at <https://www.cpsboard.org/>.