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MADD Announces 2016 Legislators of the Year in Wisconsin *Six Legislators Recognized for Leading Drunk Driving Legislation*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 22, 2016) — Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has announced its "2016 Legislators of the Year" and recognized six legislators for their leadership in the Wisconsin Legislature to stop drunk driving.

Wisconsin's Legislators of the Year:

- Representative André Jacque
- Senator Roger Roth
- Senator Alberta Darling
- Representative Jim Ott
- Senator Van Wanggaard
- Senator Chris Larson

"MADD is proud to work with these legislative champions to protect all Wisconsin residents and visitors," said MADD National President Colleen Sheehy-Church. "This year two significant laws were passed to help fight the 100 percent preventable crime of drunk driving. We look forward to working with Wisconsin legislators on a strong ignition interlock law — MADD's top legislative priority in 2017."

Representative Jacque and Senator Roth authored legislation allowing for law enforcement to obtain a search warrant for first-time offenders who refuse a chemical test for alcohol impairment. The legislation, SB 29, was signed into law earlier this year.

Senator Darling and Representative Ott successfully authored legislation making all fourth drunk driving offenses a felony.

Senator Chris Larson authored SB 484 to require ignition interlocks for all drunk driving offenders, and Senator Van Wanggaard authored SB 222 to improve Wisconsin's ignition interlock law.

MADD's advocacy efforts originate from the *Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving®* that was launched in 2006. A key component of the Campaign calls for the passage of all-offender interlock laws, which require the use of an interlock device for any convicted drunk driver. MADD also advocates for providing law enforcement with the best tools available for enforcement and prosecution of drunk driving offenses.

About Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Founded in 1980 by a mother whose daughter was killed by a drunk driver, Mothers Against Drunk Driving® (MADD) is the nation's largest nonprofit working to end drunk driving, help

fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes and prevent underage drinking. MADD changed American culture by introducing the "designated driver" in 1986 and related red ribbon awareness campaign Tie One On For Safety® now in its 30th year. MADD's Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving® is marking its 10th anniversary and reducing drunk driving fatalities by 25 percent since its launch. MADD supports drunk and drugged driving victims and survivors at no charge, providing a service every four minutes through local victim advocates and the 24-Hour Victim Help Line 1-877-MADD-HELP. Power of Parents® and Power of Youth® programs reduce underage drinking. Learn more by visiting madd.org or calling 1-877-ASK-MADD.