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NEW YEAR'S STATEMENT
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Let us be thankful for the men and women whose commitment to safety has saved thousands of lives and prevented so much heartbreak for families across America.

Let us resolve that private sector and government efforts will be enhanced and increased as we strive to eliminate drunk drivers from our roads and highways. Deaths caused by drunk drivers dropped 24 percent from 1980 to 1984. We must now resolve, with great determination, to maintain this momentum.

Use of safety belts is the best defense against drunk drivers. If all Americans buckled-up, 10,000 lives would be saved in 1986. Let us then resolve to strengthen our efforts to reach this goal.

As we move into 1986 new federal safety initiatives will help curb the problem of alcohol and drug abuse on our railways and waterways, increase truck and bus inspections on our highways, and improve cabin safety in our aircraft.

Let us strive through vigorous enforcement and continued commitment toward safety across all modes of transportation to make 1986 the safest year in American history.

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