

Hi Everyone

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer in spite of the brutal heat wave we had to endure and that you have been able to spend some quality time with your family and friends. If we have learned anything this past year and a half it's not to take anything or anyone for granted.

We are fortunate this summer as Travis hooked up with a new baseball team for summer ball and we were able to meet some awesome new families and share Matt's story with some that had never heard and some that had but didn't know anything about Matt's Law. It is just incredible how supportive everyone is, we live in a wonderful country with wonderfully caring people and as painful as it is to go on without your child it is so nice to know that others want to help see that it doesn't happen to someone else. Which brings us back to what we are all working towards.

Matt's Law is going to the [Assembly Appropriations Committee](#) (link to addresses) in a couple of weeks and I believe we are so ready for this after our incredible turn out at our last hearing and the very unexpected unanimous vote of the Assembly Public Safety Committee. I never want to seem overly confident and will not take anything for granted so if you haven't written your letter or letters please do so now and try getting it in the mail by Thursday if possible. If you can only write one please write it to the Committee Chair:

**Judy Chu**  
**State Capitol**  
**PO Box 942849**  
**Sacramento, CA 94249-0049**

If you have time to write more you can find the list of committee members on Matt's site under Matt's Law. There is a good chance that this hearing will be a pretty long one since there are currently over 200 bills to be heard so far. Mr. Oakes feels that we have done so well thus far that we won't need the big turn out so I don't want anyone to feel obligated to go up this go round unless you really want to and it isn't an inconvenience. Otherwise I will let you know how it goes.

I am going to find out if it is okay, and if it is, when Matt's Bill is signed into law (fingers crossed) I would like as many people there as possible so after the Governor's signing we can send up as many red balloons that they will allow from the Capitol steps in celebration of its passing and in memory of Matt.

I would also like everyone to keep Friday, November 10 (Matt's Birthday) evening open, as I have booked a large hall for a huge celebration for the passing of Matt's Law (fingers crossed) to show my appreciation to all of you for your incredible support. Words can never express how grateful I am to all of you that have come with me to the Capitol, sent your letters in support, written to me, prayed for us and Matt, wore your red proudly in Matt's memory. Everything you have done has helped us in more ways than you can ever know and I just want to thank you by having a big dinner dance in your honor. Details will follow but please keep this date available.

Thank you for your continued support, I hope everyone is doing well.

**"Hug your children and tell them you love them everyday."**

Love,

Debbie, MM