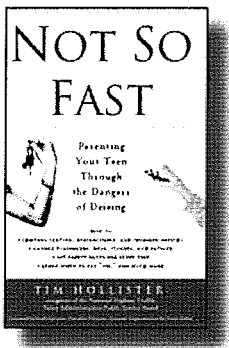


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Publishers Weekly, 7/15/13

July 29, 2014

Delivery by The Honorable Joseph Courtney,
United States House of Representatives

The President and Mrs. Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Re: **Not So Fast: Parenting Your Teen Through the Dangers of Driving**

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Obama:

I understand from news reports that Malia recently turned 16, and you have noted that it is time to teach her to drive. Through my friend Congressman Joe Courtney, I am pleased to offer you as a resource my new book, **Not So Fast: Parenting Your Teen Through the Dangers of Driving**.

I wrote **Not So Fast** as a result of the re-education about the dangers of teen driving that I received after my son Reid, the driver, died in a one-car crash in 2006. Serving in 2007-08 on a task force that overhauled Connecticut's teen driver laws, I learned that most of the literature available to parents focuses on driving skills, but does not explain why teen driving is so dangerous or what parents can do to prevent the very predictable and most hazardous situations from occurring *before* their teens get behind the wheel. Put another way, safe teen driving consists of driving skills, teen driving laws, and parenting; I wrote **Not So Fast** to fill a gap in the available literature, by focusing exclusively and in depth on the parenting piece.

Testaments to **Not So Fast** include *Publishers Weekly* calling it "A concise, practical and potentially life-saving book that should be required reading for every parent before their teen gets behind the wheel." On September 9, 2014, the Governors Highway Safety Association will recognize the book with a national public service award at its Annual Conference in Michigan.

I hope **Not So Fast** will be a useful resource for your family.

Most Respectfully,

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