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**Statement of Jack Gillis, Consumer Federation of American
on the Death of Clarence M. Ditlow, III
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Washington, D.C. – On November 10, 2016, America lost one of the most effective consumer advocates in its history with the death of Clarence M. Ditlow, III. For over four decades, Clarence fought tirelessly to stem the terrible toll that automobiles take on American society. In addition, he was one of the first to understand the impact of the automobile on the environment. Clarence was likely responsible for saving more lives than anyone else in the auto safety community. His efforts were monumental, his effectiveness unmatched, and his dedication to public service was a beacon for hundreds of advocates. This is a tragic blow to public safety at a time when consumer protections are at such great risk. Personally, this is profoundly sad news. I have worked with Clarence almost daily for 37 years, and like many, knew him as an uncompromising advocate, a true compass for what's right, and a loyal friend. He will be dearly missed on many levels.

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