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Legislation Needs To Target Problems Associated With Collapsing Car Seats That Can Injure Children

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An antiquated standard that governs the mandatory strength required for the front-seats of cars needs to be improved-- to improve the safety of back-seat passengers--- children. Since 1968, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 207 has controlled the standards manufacturers must adhere to for new cars.

As you can see from the video above, the standard does not do enough to protect passengers seated in the back seats-- the area where children are generally recommended to sit.

Even in relatively low-speed collisions, the current regulatory standards allow front-seats to spring back and hit children sitting in the rear thereby causing significant injury. Lawsuits filed on behalf of **brain-injured children** have been

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successful against seat manufacturers in theories premised upon claims that the seats are defective and unreasonably dangerous.

At the very least, I think we need to re-evaluate current auto safety legislation on a far more frequent basis. As technology gives us the ability both diagnose safety problems and implement manufacturing changes, don't we owe it our children to re-evaluate all safety standards at regular intervals?

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