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Inside -
The secret to living and
feeling better!
Without dieting, exercising
or purchasing anything!

Mr. and Mrs. James
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John Smith
President of the CT DOT

Dear Mr. and Mrs. James,

March 13, 2005

I know what it feels like to be a parent. I've been through it all...I know exactly what you're going through—being a parent of a child is one of the hardest jobs out there. I've seen my daughter get A's and F's. I've seen her go through relationships that were both good for her and bad for her. I've waited up at night until she came home. I was always there for her, as I'm sure you are for your child. No matter how hard it was to deal with, I actually enjoyed being a father.

But now, I am lonely.

My daughter Sara died last year in a terrible car crash.

She went over her friend Jenny's house to do what she thought was going to be some studying. Jenny was actually having a party at her house. Yes, Jenny's parents were home...they were the ones who actually gave the kids the alcohol.

I didn't know that when I let her go to Jenny's that it would be the last time I saw her alive.

Sara didn't have anything to drink, but Jenny had a few beers. Soon enough, the two got bored with the party and decided to go for a drive. Jenny told my daughter that she was OK to drive. She was just a little "tipsy." Unfortunately, my daughter got into that car.

When I heard the news that she had died, I felt like dying myself.

I think about her every day. My whole life has been affected by this accident. I no longer have the desire to do anything, to go anywhere, to talk to anyone. I am sure that if this happened to you, you would feel the same way.

On the outside of this envelope, I promised you the secret to living and feeling better.

The secret is to not let what happened to me happen to you. Know where your kids are going. Be involved. Talk to them about the effects of drinking and driving. Stress the fact that not only is underage drinking illegal, it is dangerous. Let your child know that even one drink is one too many to drive. Try to make them understand that even if they are just "buzzed" or "tipsy," they should not drive. Your child won't *ever* think that they are drunk...they don't know and won't admit it even if they *are*. Try to lead by example. Tell them my story if you have to.

*Do **whatever** it takes to prevent this from happening, and I can **guarantee** you a better life.*

Sincerely,

John Smith,
President of the CT DOT

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