

## **STATEMENT OF PETER MORANO**

I AM PETER MORANO AND I HOPE WHAT HAPPENED TO ME NEVER HAPPENS TO YOU. I WAS DRIVING MY CAR ON BUTTERFIELD ROAD WHEN A LARGE BLOCK OF ICE CAME FLYING OFF THE TOP OF A SEMI TRUCK, SMASHING MY WINDSHIELD AND STRIKING ME IN THE FACE. YOU CAN SEE HOW IT LEFT ME – I'M STILL WAITING TO HEAR IF I WILL EVER SEE AGAIN OUT OF MY LEFT EYE.

THIS WAS SO AVOIDABLE. ALL IT TOOK WAS THE TRUCK DRIVER TO TAKE THE TIME TO GET THE ICE AND SNOW OFF OF THE TOP OF HIS TRUCK. HE KNEW IT WAS THERE. IT WAS A FOOT OR MORE HIGH. HE KNEW HIS TRUCK WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT UNDER A VIADUCT. AND IT DIDN'T. INSTEAD, IT STRUCK THE CONCRETE, LEAVING THE SNOW MARK STILL ON THAT VIADUCT.

THERE ARE LAWS IN SOME OTHER STATES THAT REQUIRE TRUCKERS TO CLEAR THE SNOW AND ICE. WE NEED A LAW IN ILLINOIS AND THROUGHOUT ALL OF THE STATES. I WANT TO MAKE DRIVERS MORE AWARE OF THIS DANGER. I WANT TO MAKE TRUCKERS MORE AWARE. AND I WANT TO MAKE LEGISLATORS MORE AWARE OF WHAT WE NEED TO DO.

I AM STARTING A FOUNDATION THAT WILL WORK ON DOING JUST THAT. I WANT TO BUILD A WEBSITE THAT WILL GET OUT INFORMATION TO EVERYONE ON THIS DANGER SO THAT TRAGEDIES CAN BE AVOIDED.

AND I AM HOPING THAT ANYONE WHO HAS INFORMATION ON WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONDAY ON BUTTERFIELD ROAD WILL STEP FORWARD AND CONTACT CLIFFORD LAW OFFICES SO THAT WE CAN HOLD THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO ME ACCOUNTABLE. THANK YOU.