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## First NASCAR team and driver to use new symbol for ending

domestic violence and sexual assault

**Brooklyn, MI, June 15, 2012** – SR<sup>2</sup> Motorsports NASCAR Nationwide Series driver Angela Cope makes history this weekend by showing her on track support for ending domestic violence and sexual assault: debuting the NO MORE symbol to NASCAR fans everywhere.

Launched in March 2012, NO MORE is the first overarching, visual symbol to express support for ending domestic violence and sexual assault in our society. Like the peace sign, the yellow "support our troops" ribbon and the red AIDS ribbon, this new symbol will help generate widespread awareness and galvanize new ways to prevent the violence and abuse that tear at the fabric of our communities and undermine the quality of life for so many.

Ms. Cope and SR<sup>2</sup> MOTORSPORTS No.24 will show off the NO MORE symbol at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Alliance Truck Parts 250 on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm ET.

Commenting on her support for NO MORE, Ms. Cope said, "Every one of us knows someone impacted by these issues -- it's just a matter of being willing to think about it. Many people think domestic violence and sexual assault are 'women's issues' that do not affect the general male population unless the victim is your mother, sister, daughter, wife, etc."

SR<sup>2</sup> Motorsports owner, Jason Sciaviccio continued, saying that, "Changing this perception is our goal and why showing support at NASCAR is so critical. Together we will race and help end domestic violence and sexual assault."

Domestic violence and sexual assault impact millions of families, affecting people from every region, religion, race, ethnic group and socioeconomic status:

- 1 in 4 women experience violence from their partners in their lifetimes;
- 1 in 3 teens experience sexual or physical abuse or threats from a boyfriend or girlfriend in one year;
- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men are sexually abused before the age of 18.

Every major domestic violence and sexual assault organization in the country is supporting the use of NO MORE as the symbol of this movement.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault, please contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1–800–799–SAFE (<a href="www.thehotline.org">www.thehotline.org</a>), or National Sexual Assault Hotline 1-800-656-HOPE (<a href="www.rainn.org">www.rainn.org</a>, the Rape Abuse and Incest National Network).

Or for help in and around Brooklyn, Michigan you can contact:

- SAFEHouse (Washtenaw County/Ann Arbor): 734-995-5444
- SAFE Place (Battle Creek): <u>888-664-9832</u> or <u>888-383-2192</u>
- AWARE (Jackson): 517-783-2861
- Domestic Harmony (Hillsdale): 517-439-1454
- Catherine Cobb Shelter (Adrian): 517-265-6776

For more information on NO MORE, visit <a href="www.nomore.org">www.nomore.org</a>. Or for regular updates, see NO MORE on Facebook (<a href="www.facebook.com/NOMORE.org">www.facebook.com/NOMORE.org</a>) and Twitter (<a href="www.momore.org">www.facebook.com/NOMORE.org</a>).

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