



The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
House of Representatives
Washington, DC

The Honorable James Inhofe
Chairman
Environment and Public Works Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
House of Representatives
Washington, DC

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Ranking Member
Environment and Public Works Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC

November 11, 2015

Dear Chairman Shuster, Chairman Inhofe, Ranking Member DeFazio and Ranking Member Boxer,

On behalf of the national Board of Directors of the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA), I wanted to express our ardent support for congressional action in passing transportation bills out of your respective chambers. Industries like ours that manufacture and install the roadway safety infrastructure devices that keep all roadway users safe as they travel rely on a robust, long-term surface transportation authorization. As the House and Senate begin negotiations on a multi-year surface transportation bill, I wanted to share some of our industry's insight into safety policies within the legislation.

- We strongly support the continuation of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) with dedicated funding of at least 7% of the federal-aid highway program.
- We strongly support language that ensures HSIP is used exclusively for roadway safety infrastructure projects.
- We strongly support the continuation of the Work Zone Safety Grant, with the House inclusion of guardrail inspection, maintenance and installation training as an eligible activity.
- We strongly support including movable barrier as an eligible project/activity/item within HSIP.
- We strongly support including private sector safety experts as part of the listed members of a state strategic highway safety planning process.

The commitment to transportation and safety shown by you, your staff and many other members of the House and Senate is commendable. Without such champions in Congress, American

motorists and road users of all stripes would certainly be worse off and roadway fatalities and serious injuries would be even higher than they are today. ATSSA's Board of Directors and members nationwide stand willing to help move a safety-focused, long-term surface transportation bill forward.

Thank you for your consideration and your longtime support for the roadway safety infrastructure industry.

Sincerely,



Scott Seeley
Chairman of the Board
American Traffic Safety Services Association

Cc: Members of Conference Committee