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NSTA Commends Congressmen Daines and Graves on Passage of Insurance Amendment

ALEXANDRIA, VA - The National School Transportation Association (NSTA) commends Congressmen Daines and Graves on the introduction and passage of their amendment to block an increase to minimum levels of financial responsibility for commercial motor vehicle carriers by regulation. In April of this year, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) released a study mandated by MAP-21 that made recommendations on massive increases to current minimum levels of financial responsibility for both truck and bus carriers. The study did not review any school bus crash data or consult with any passenger insurance carriers. Upon release of the study, FMCSA immediately announced its plans to pursue a high priority rulemaking proceeding to increase insurance limits.

"We thank Congressmen Daines and Graves for their leadership on this issue of great importance to the industry. The FMCSA study did not even analyze school bus safety data, let alone demonstrate a link between increased insurance levels and better school bus safety. Given the school bus industry's sterling safety record year after year and being the safest of all modes of transportation according to DOT's own statistics, NSTA does not believe an increase in minimum insurance limits is warranted. The amendment offered by Congressmen Daines and Graves, when enacted into law, will stop the Administration's pursuit of massive increases that would be very damaging to the industry and potentially decrease safety by reducing the availability of school bus service across the nation," offered NSTA President Tim Flood.

About NSTA:

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