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### **NSTA Applauds Congressman Scott Perry for Leadership Addressing School Bus Federal Insurance Minimum Requirements**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA-** The National School Transportation Association (NSTA) applauds the efforts of Congressman Scott Perry (R-PA) for his recent introduction of legislation (H.R. 2077) to repeal the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to change federal insurance minimum requirements for passenger carriers, leaving that to Congress. In addition, NSTA is pleased that the bill also directs the Department of Transportation to complete a comprehensive study on passenger carrier insurance rates, including consultation with the school transportation industry and passenger insurance carriers.

“The National School Transportation Association thanks Congressman Perry for the introduction of the bill that would halt the pending ill-advised rulemaking proceeding by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to increase minimum financial responsibility requirements on private school bus operators without any analysis indicating current rates are inadequate,” stated NSTA President Tim Flood.

“The National School Transportation Association (NSTA) appreciates the efforts of Congressman Perry and this legislation recognizing that school bus insurance issues are different from insurance issues affecting the trucking industry. School buses are the safest form of transportation available and while school buses may seem similar to trucks in size, there are several fundamental differences between vehicle types and operating environments that impact federal insurance coverage requirements,” offered NSTA Executive Director Ronna Weber.

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#### **About NSTA:**

The National School Transportation Association has been the voice of private school bus contractors, manufacturers and suppliers for over 50 years. The Association provides school transportation professionals with the tools and resources they need to make school buses safe, affordable, and efficient nationwide. Additional questions may be sent to Ronna Weber, National School Transportation Association, 122 South Royal Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: 703-684-3200. Fax: 703-684-3212.  
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