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Attention: Written Comments for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Carrier Safety Fitness Determination, FMCSA-2015-0001

Dear Sir or Madam:

The National School Transportation Association (NSTA) is pleased to offer written comments for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Carrier Safety Fitness Determination as published in Volume 81 of the *Federal Register* on January 21, 2016.

NSTA is the membership organization for school bus companies engaged primarily in transporting students to and from school and school-related activities under contract to public school districts. Our members offer an array of services to our school district partners, from full turn-key service to management operations and specialized transportation. NSTA members range from small family businesses serving one district to large corporations operating thousands of buses across many states, all committed to the safe, efficient, and economical transportation of America's children.

NSTA respectfully requests a sixty (60) day extension to the comment period on this proposal from March 21, 2016 to May 21, 2016. This is a very lengthy and complex proposal which requires a thorough review and meaningful analysis prior to the submission of comments. Additional time will allow for a much greater understanding of the proposal as a whole, as well as its various components, leading to a more thorough and proper response. We also request an extension of the reply comment deadline to 30 days following the end of the comment deadline to June 20, 2016.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this request. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 684-3200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Sable Weber", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Ronna Sable Weber
Executive Director