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**NSTA Applauds Inclusion of Provision Addressing Safety Fitness
Determination in House Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development
Appropriations Bill**

ALEXANDRIA, VA, - The National School Transportation Association (NSTA) applauds the inclusion of a provision addressing the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Safety Fitness Determination Proposal in the Fiscal Year 2017 Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. The provision specifically prohibits FMCSA from using any funds to amend the regulations relating to Safety Fitness Determinations for motor carriers until all reforms to the Compliance, Safety and Accountability (CSA) Program as mandated by the FAST Act are complete.

"NSTA and our member companies were one of the first to engage on this issue during our Spring Bus-In in March 2016 and we are pleased to see Congress listened to our concerns. We, in particular, appreciate the efforts of House Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL), House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA), Congressman Lou Barletta (R-PA) and Congressman Bob Gibbs (R-OH)," stated NSTA President Todd Monteferrario.

NSTA is committed to ensuring the safety of the carriers on the road every day, but any carrier evaluation must be based on fair and correct data. The FAST Act correctly directs FMCSA to make the necessary reforms to the CSA Program and the Safety Fitness Determination proposal should not proceed until those corrections are made," offered NSTA Executive Director Ronna Weber.

The bill will be marked up in the Subcommittee tomorrow.

NSTA looks forward to continuing to work with the Committee as the bill moves through the process.



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