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Docket Management Facility
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
West Building, Ground Floor
Room W12-140
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Attention: Written Reply Comments to the Notice of Updating the Means of Providing Recall Notifications (NHTSA-2016-0001)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The National School Transportation Association (NSTA) is pleased to offer written reply comments to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's notice on updating the means of providing recall notifications as published in Volume 81 of the *Federal Register* on September 1, 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.

Given that safety is our top priority, continuity in the way in which recall notifications are received is important to ensure receipt by the appropriate person within an organization. Recognizing that not all recall notices are acted upon, we strongly support any additional actions that could be taken to enhance the notification process. Electronic communications will serve to do just that. We applaud NHTSA's recognition that any communications enhancements should be done in addition to, and not in lieu of, notice by U.S. Mail.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer these comments on this issue and look forward to continuing to work with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on this issue. We take safety very seriously and are very proud of the work we do each and every day to

transport children to school safely as well as the charter work we operate. If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 684-3200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray rectangular background. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Ronna Sable Weber'.

Ronna Sable Weber
Executive Director