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Attention: Written Reply Comments to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Notice of the Medical Review Board Task Report on Insulin Treated Diabetes Mellitus and Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers (FMCSA-2005-23151)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The National School Transportation Association (NSTA) is pleased to offer written reply comments to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's notice of the Medical Review Board Task Report on Insulin Treated Diabetes Mellitus and Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers as published in Volume 81 of the *Federal Register* on September 9, 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.

As travel by yellow school bus is the safety form of transportation available, the contracted school transportation industry takes the health and safety of our drivers very seriously. We also recognize that diabetes can be a very serious condition if not managed properly. The protocol recommended by the Medical Review Board, which we support, would ensure that only those drivers with properly managed and controlled diabetes would be allowed to be qualified to operate commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer these comments on this issue and look forward to continuing to work with the Federal Motor Carrier 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, appearing to read "Ronna Sable Weber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ronna Sable Weber
Executive Director