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### Unified Carrier Registration Board Approves Fee Exemption for Intrastate School Buses

**Washington, D.C.** – On December 13, 2018 the National School Transportation Association (NSTA) met with the Unified Carrier Registration Board (UCRB) to request an exemption from the UCR fleet size calculation for school buses and school vehicles owned by for-hire contractors that are operated exclusively as intrastate transportation for school children. Twenty-five school bus contractor trade associations, representing school bus contractors across the country, showed their support by signing NSTA’s letter to the UCR Board. NSTA’s request was presented at the UCR Board meeting by a team that included Maria Battista, Association Director with NSTA, Brandon Wiseman, Partner with Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary, P.C., Becky Weber, Managing Director with Prime Policy Group, and NSTA Member Contractors Michelle Simon, Vice President of Safety Compliance with National Express, LLC, and Shawn McGlinchey, Vice President of Risk Management with the Krapf Group.

The team explained that the UCR Board has broad authority and discretion to exempt motor carriers from fleet size calculations in determining fees, that Congressional intent and public policy considerations support an exemption for intrastate school buses and vehicles, and NSTA provided suggested exemption language for the UCR Board’s consideration. Following the presentation and discussion, the UCR Board voted to approve the request. NSTA President Blake Krapf said,

“NSTA member contractors reached out to our advocacy team earlier this year noting that UCR fee exemptions available to other intrastate motor carriers were not available to school bus contractors. NSTA worked with member contractors and industry leaders to develop the facts and law supporting the request. NSTA appreciates the collaborative work and support from our peer associations and the careful consideration of the UCR Board in voting to approve the request. This is a significant achievement by NSTA that will benefit all of our members, but especially our smaller contractors faced with discontinuing trips due to the cost of UCR fees on their entire fleet.”

For more information on the National School Transportation Association and its member initiatives, visit [www.yellowbuses.org](http://www.yellowbuses.org)

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*NSTA is the voice for private school bus contractors for over 50 years. NSTA was formed in 1964 as a membership organization for school bus contract-operators engaged primarily in transporting students to and from school and school-related activities. Members range from small family businesses serving one school district, to large corporations operating tens of thousands of buses across multiple states—all committed to the safe, efficient and economical transport of our nation’s children and future leaders.*