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National School Transportation Association Holds Annual Capitol Hill Bus-In

Washington, DC - The National School Transportation Association (NSTA) looks forward to hosting its annual Capitol Hill Bus-In on April 30 and May 1, 2019, in Washington, D.C. NSTA will welcome over fifty individuals to this premier opportunity to advocate for the school transportation industry with federal legislators. NSTA attendees will meet with over 120 Congressional offices over the course of Wednesday, May 1. NSTA members anticipate this event as it is a prime opportunity to provide a voice to the industry.

“This event is crucial to NSTA's government relations efforts. Advocating for our members is at the core of our mission, and helping Washington, D.C. understand and recognize the issues that face our industry and our communities is vital in the success of that mission. We look forward to joining our fellow members on the Hill this week.” said Blake Krapf, NSTA President.

NSTA and its lobbyist, Prime Policy Group, work to identify a key issue facing school transportation to take to the hill. All were unanimous in their agreement that recent tragedies involving motorists illegally passing stopped school buses needs federal support and attention. NSTA plans to bring awareness to the dangers of illegal passing in an effort to prevent future occurrences and garner support for legislation introduced by Congresswoman Jackie Walorski (R-IN) and Congresswoman Brownley (D-CA) on April 10, “STOP for School Buses Act of 2019” or “STOP Act,” (HR 2218). The “STOP Act” calls upon the Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to undertake a comprehensive review of State laws and enforcement levels, technology and driver education materials study the landscape of illegal passing and, based on their findings, make recommendations on recommend best practices to Congress. The bill also directs DOT to create a public safety messaging campaign. NSTA is working with several Senate offices to get a companion measure introduced in the Senate.

“It’s really great to see our members – especially our new members - come and enjoy themselves, and see firsthand the power they lend to our association’s voice in Washington, D.C. The Bus-In is a great opportunity to share information with our elected officials about the private school bus contracting community and how their support can help ensure the continued safe transport of children to and from school.” stated John Benish, NSTA President Elect.

For complete event details, visit www.yellowbuses.org.

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The National School Transportation Association has been the voice of private school bus contractors, manufacturers and suppliers for over 50 years. The Association provides school transportation professionals with the tools and resources they need to make school buses safe, affordable, and efficient nationwide. Additional questions may be directed to:

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