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National School Transportation Association Holds Annual Capitol Hill Bus-In

Washington, DC – The National School Transportation Association (NSTA) was on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., on May 1, 2019 to draw vital awareness to illegal passing of stopped school buses. Over fifty NSTA representatives attended 120 meetings with federal legislators to gather support for a bipartisan House and Senate companion bill introduced by Congresswoman Jackie Walorski (R-IN), Congresswoman Julia Brownley (D-CA), Senator Todd Young (R-IN), and Senator Gary Peters (D-MI) “STOP for School Buses Act of 2019” or “STOP Act,” (HR 2218/S1254) and to educate federal legislators on the dangers of illegal passing. The “STOP Act” calls upon the Department of Transportation to undertake a comprehensive review of State laws and enforcement levels, technology and driver education materials make recommendations on best practices to Congress. The bill also directs DOT to create a public safety messaging campaign.

NSTA and its lobbyist, Prime Policy Group, worked in tandem with both Senate and House offices to craft the “STOP Act” after multiple tragedies occurred in late 2018 due to motorists illegally passing school buses loading and unloading student passengers. Congresswoman Walorski’s Congressional district was directly impacted by an accident that killed three children from one family on a fateful morning last October. NSTA is confident that the bill provides an appropriate national response to the dangers of illegal passing and if enacted, would help prevent future tragedies.

“We are proud of the progress made today. Our message was well received in many of the meetings we attended. As leaders of safety for the industry, it is our responsibility to bring awareness to this cause. We hope that our efforts today help Congresswoman Walorski and Brownley’s bill gain traction so future tragedies are avoided.” commented Carina Noble, NSTA Vice President and Government Relations Committee Chair.

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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