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National School Transportation Association hosts
School Bus Illegal Passing Technology Showcase on Capitol Hill

The National School Transportation Association (NSTA) hosted a successful School Bus Illegal Passing Technology Showcase on the U.S. Capitol Grounds on October 23, 2019, during National School Bus Safety Week. The event highlighted school bus illegal passing technologies. Senator Gary Peters, Senator Todd Young, Congresswoman Jackie Walorski, Congresswoman Julia Brownley, and Congressman Rodney Davis were in attendance, as well as staff from congressional offices and federal agencies and partners in the school bus industry.

The event highlighted the growing problem of illegal passing of stopped school buses, technology solutions and the STOP for School Buses Act of 2019 (S.1254/H.R. 2218). A school bus equipped with a predictive stop arm, a crossing guard school bus stop arm involving camera technology and auto ticketing feature, and a rear driver alert device were exhibited in live drive-by demonstrations. Members of Congress were able to experience the technologies onboard and outside the bus. After the demonstrations, NSTA President John Benish, along with STOP for School Buses Act of 2019 original Co-Sponsors Congresswomen Walorski and Brownley, and Senators Young and Peters, spoke to the importance of school bus safety and the need to draw attention to the dangers of illegal passing a press conference.

“NSTA was pleased to host this event to focus on illegal passing during National School Bus Safety Week,” noted NSTA President John Benish, Jr. “As a father of four, and an owner of a family-operated school transportation company, ensuring students are transported in a safe and efficient manner is of utmost importance. I look forward to a continuing dialogue with policy-makers about ways we can make the safest form of transportation even better.”

NSTA thanks the sponsors and cosponsors of the STOP Act for their leadership in advancing this important legislation.

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About NSTA: 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.