

November 12, 2024

Richard Revesz  
Administrator  
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA)  
725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Administrator Revesz:

Several rulemakings are currently under review by OIRA that will significantly improve public safety on our Nation's roads. These rulemakings must be completed promptly, or lives will needlessly be lost.<sup>1</sup>

In 2022, an average of 116 people were killed every day on roads in the U.S., totaling just over 42,500 fatalities.<sup>2</sup> An additional 2.38 million people were injured.<sup>3</sup> This represents a 29 percent increase in deaths in just a decade.<sup>4</sup> Early projections for 2023 traffic fatalities remain at a similar historic high level; nearly 41,000 people are estimated to have died that year.<sup>5</sup>

The financial impact of motor vehicle crashes on our economy and our families is staggering. The total value of societal harm from motor vehicle crashes in 2019 was nearly \$1.4 trillion.<sup>6</sup>

Our organizations and companies have been at the forefront of furthering proven technologies to reduce this fatality and injury toll. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has estimated that between 1960 and 2012, over 600,000 lives have been saved by motor vehicle safety technologies and associated federal safety standards.<sup>7</sup>

Few actions can be taken at this juncture by this Administration that will be more impactful than promulgating these lifesaving rulemakings. We urge you to bring them over the finish line.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety  
America Walks  
Amica Mutual Insurance Company  
Center for Auto Safety  
Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways  
Consumer Federation of America  
Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety  
Consumer Reports  
Families For Safe Streets  
Governors Highway Safety Association  
Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America  
Kids and Car Safety  
Liberty Mutual Insurance  
National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies  
National Consumers League

National Safety Council  
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company  
Parents Against Tired Truckers  
Public Citizen  
Selective Insurance Company of America  
Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research  
Trauma Foundation  
Truck Safety Coalition  
Vision Zero Network

cc: Director Shalanda Young, Office of Management and Budget  
Secretary Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Department of Transportation  
Deputy Administrator Sophie Shulman, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Deputy Administrator Vinn White, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

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- <sup>1</sup> RIN: 2127-ZA22, RIN: 2127-ZA25 RIN: 2127-AL37, and hopefully additional rulemakings will be sent to OIRA soon.
- <sup>2</sup> Overview of Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes in 2022, NHTSA, Apr. 2024, DOT HS 813 560. (Overview 2022).
- <sup>3</sup> Overview 2022.
- <sup>4</sup> Traffic Safety Facts 2021: A Compilation of Motor Vehicle Crash Data, NHTSA, Dec. 2023, DOT HS 813 527, (Annual Report 2021); and Overview 2022; [comparing 2013 to 2022].
- <sup>5</sup> Traffic Safety Facts: Crash Stats, Early Estimate of Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities in 2023, NHTSA, Apr. 2024, DOT HS 813 561.
- <sup>6</sup> The Economic and Societal Impact of Motor Vehicle Crashes, 2019, NHTSA, Dec. 2022, DOT HS 813 403.
- <sup>7</sup> Lives Saved by Vehicle Safety Technologies and Associated Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, 1960 to 2012, DOT HS 812 069 (NHTSA, 2015); See also, NHTSA AV Policy, Executive Summary, p. 5 endnote 1.