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DATE RECFIVED: DECEMBER 26, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. DAVID S. WEISZ

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING A NEW PROGRAM (DRIVERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVERS (DADD)) BEING INSTITUTED BY MOTOROLA TO HELP IN THE FIGHT

AGAINST DRUNK DRIVERS

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 21, 1986

Dear Mr. Weisz:

On behalf of President Reagan, I would like to thank you for the letter and press release describing Motorola's Drivers Against Drunk Drivers program.

We are interested in learning about any program that helps to reduce drunk driving.

President and Mrs. Reagan wish for me to thank you for your efforts and wish you continued success.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Carlton E: Turner, Ph.D.
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Drug Abuse Policy

Mr. David S. Weisz Manager, Public Relations Communications Sector Motorola Inc. 1301 E. Algonquin Road Schaumburg, Illinois 60196



364951

December 18, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:

I would like to bring to your attention a new program being instituted by Motorola to help in the fight against drunk drivers. I have enclosed a press release which explains this program.

As your recent proclamation on this issue noted, "We need informed concerned citizens who are willing to get involved in generating awareness, education and action to eliminate drunked and drugged drivers from our highways."

Our program called DADD (Drivers Against Drunk Drivers) will help do just that. In 1966, we started a community radio watch program to recruit the support of two-way radio users to act as "extended eyes of their local law enforcement agencies". This program has been very successful and we hope that this new effort will support the many concerned citizens groups and organizations and, of course, your work in trying to control this problem facing all of us today.

Respectfully yours,

David S. Weisz

Manager, Public Relations

DSW:hp

Attachment



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DECEMBER 7, 1985

MOTOROLA JOINS IN THE BATTLE AGAINST DRUNK DRIVERS

CHICAGO, IL -- Motorola, Inc., a major manufacturer of cellular telephones, today announced a new program to help fight drunk drivers.

The program was introduced here at a state-wide conference of concerned citizens and organizations, including the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police, and the National Commission Against Drunk Driving. The conference was organized by AAIM, the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists.

Called DADD (Drivers Against Drunk Drivers), the Motorola program will, in its initial stages, help educate drivers whose vehicles are equipped with cellular telephones to identify signs of drunk drivers and instruct them in the proper procedure for reporting the incidents to appropriate law enforcement agencies.

According to Motorola spokesman David Weisz, the program will include the packing of information with each cellular telephone sold by the company. In addition, Weisz said that tips such as using the memory feature on a cellular telephone to store key emergency numbers would be provided to help initiate involvement by the cellular users.

"We have always been aware of the importance and benefit of using cellular telephones to report such things as accidents and other hazardous or criminal situations," Weisz said. "Our actions now re-emphasize just how valuable a tool a cellular telephone can be to assist law enforcement agencies.

"Our history with similar programs using two-way radios has identified the success of programs whereby citizens act as extended eyes of the local law enforcement agencies," he said.

"We are pleased to be able to help organizations such as AAIM in spreading the word of how everyone can help get drunk drivers off the road," Weisz concluded.

Dr. Louis Greenwald, a Director of AAIM, said, "We applaud Motorola's efforts to support an issue which has been affecting more and more of us. We hope other concerned corporations and organizations will follow Motorola's lead to do what they can in this battle to stop the needless deaths and crippling injuries on our country's highways."

THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE GEORGE V. VOINOVICH

SUBJECT: REQUESTS ASSISTANCE REGARDING THE EPA'S REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICULAR INSPECTION AND

MAINTENANCE IN CLEVELAND

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City of Clebeland george v. voinovich, mayor



December 31, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Mr. President;

Last year I wrote asking your help in dealing with the United States Environmental Protection Agency requirements for vehicular inspection and maintenance in Cleveland. There have been ongoing discussions on this issue with officials at all levels of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and with the Office of Management and Budget. All efforts to reason with these officials about the need for an inspection and maintenance program in this area have been rebuffed. While there were responses from each of the departments we contacted, their response was the same in every case. The response basically was that the existing law ties the hands of the administration in selecting enforcement options.

Now, in a letter written by USEPA Region V Administrator, Valdis Adamkus, to Representative Louis Blessing from Cincinnati, the City of Cincinnati appears to have been given an option to the expensive high tech, tailpipe testing program. The option offered is a simple litmus paper test and an anti-tampering inspection program. In this same letter Mr. Adamkus says that the only reason Cleveland would not be in line for this same type of testing program is because Cleveland is currently a non-attainment city for carbon monoxide. In May of this year, the City of Cleveland formally submitted a request for redesignation for carbon monoxide following eight consecutive quarters with no violation, as outlined by law. To date, there has been no word on the status of this request.

I am concerned that this city may be forced to resort to an expensive and inefficient IM program simply because the U.S. EPA has not moved quickly enough on Cleveland's redesignation request. The timing is critical because pressure is mounting to produce a viable plan for inspection and maintenance implementation.

In the past, officials of your administration have indicated

The President
The White House

December 31, 1985 Page Two

that they did not have any administrative options with regard to inspection and maintenance. In this case they clearly have an option. I would like your assistance in assuring that in fact they will exercise their option. This would minimize the required federal intrusion into the lives of Cleveland's residents, and provide for the most cost-effective approach to vehicular inspection in the Cleveland area.

Sincerely,

George W. Voinovich

Mayor //
City of Cleveland

GVV:mj

Mr. Harry Judson Ohio EPA Page 2 May 9, 1985

The probable cause of this significant decline over the last seven years is the Federal Motor Vehicle Control Program (FMVCP). Overall traffic flow has decreased in our area in addition to newer and more efficient automobiles in service. The 1977 closing of a U.S. Steel Corporation plant that had great difficulty maintaining a stable CO flaring program has also contributed to the decrease in ambient CO concentrations.

Due to the fact that Cuyahoga County has demonstrated seven years of acceptable ambient levels of CO and pursuant to Section 107 of the Clean Air Act, the City of Cleveland, Division of Air Pollution Control hereby requests that Ohio EPA initiate a request for redesignation of Cuyahoga County to attainment status for the pollutant carbon monoxide.

In the future, the following factors should combine to maintain this acceptable level of carbon monoxide:

- An increasing number of motor vehicles that are regulated by the FMVCP will continue to replace older vehicles.
- Continued decrease in traffic density and decrease in total number of vehicles.
- 3) Continued decrease in industrial production/process CO emissions.

Attached to this request letter are the carbon monoxide concentrations as measured at our two CO monitoring sites during the past eight consecutive quarters. This data will clearly demonstrate that Cuyahoga County is in attainment for CO. Should you have any questions concerning this request for redesignation or if you need additional information, please feel free to contact my office.

Very truly yours,

Gary J./Nied, Commissioner
Air Pollution Control Division

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5

230 SOUTH DEARBORN ST. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

JUN 28 1985

Honorable Louis W. Blessing, Jr. Ohio House of Representatives 3672 Springdale Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45239

Dear Mr. Blessing:

Thank you for your June 6, 1985, letter regarding several questions you had on Ohio's vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) program.

In a January 18, 1985, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) the State of Ohio committed to obtain I/M enabling legislation by April 30, 1985; to issue proposed I/M rules by May 15; and, to implement an I/M program by May 1, 1986. In a letter dated March 14, 1985, to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), U.S. EPA informed the State that it found the schedule leading to program implementation by May 1, 1986, to be reasonable and expeditious. However, since that time two key milestones (passage of enabling legislation and issuance of proposed I/M rules) have been missed. Further, there has been no indication from the State as to how it intends to ensure that the I/M program will be implemented on time. It is because of these circumstances that the State of Ohio is faced with the imposition of Federal funding and construction sanctions as mandated by the Clean Air Act. On June 25, 1985, a letter was sent to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) initiating the 30-day consultation period for the State of Ohio, which is required prior to proposing the imposition of Federal highway funding restrictions. A copy of this letter is attached.

In a May 23, 1985, letter to Warren Tyler, Director, OEPA, U.S. EPA informed the State that, in order to avoid Federal funding and construction restrictions, enabling legislation must be passed and draft rules must be issued very quickly to get back on schedule leading to program implementation by May 1, 1986. A copy of this letter is attached.

U.S. EPA does not require specific systems features in order for a State to avoid sanctions. However, the program must be designed to meet U.S. EPA's broad policy guidelines and must meet reasonably available control technology (RACT) emission reduction requirements for hydrocarbons (HC) and carbon monoxide (CO). Further, the program, once implemented, must be operated in such a manner that the RACT emission reductions are obtained by December 31, 1987. For the State of Ohio a 22.7 percent reduction of HC emissions and a 34.1 percent reduction of CO emissions from the light duty vehicle fleet in 1987 are required.

You questioned whether the implementation of a "Litmus Test" program for Cincinnati and Cleveland would satisfy the requirements for an I/M program. It is U.S. EPA's policy that, if it can be demonstrated by a State that an anti-tampering and antifuel switching program can achieve the required HC and/or CO emission reductions, as applicable, this would satisfy the U.S. EPA requirement for an I/M program provided the other requirements as specified in the July 17, 1978, memorandum from the Assistant Administrator for Air, Noise, and Radiation, to Regional Administrators and the Janaury 19, 1981, memorandum from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Mobile Source Air Pollution Control to Division Directors, as well as other policy directives, are present. Copies of these two memoranda are attached.

In a June 18, 1985, letter to Chuck Taylor, Chief, Division of Air Pollution Control, OEPA, U.S. EPA identified some program options which, if implemented, would meet the RACT emission reduction requirements. This analysis, based on assumptions provided by OEPA, shows that a tampering only program that has a May 1986 start date and includes the inspection of all emission control components for model years 1968+ would result in the required RACT emission reduction for hydrocarbons and thus would be an acceptable program for the Cincinnati area provided all other requirements specified in the above cited memoranda are met. Emission control components which need to be inspected and replaced, if needed, are: the air pump, catalytic converter, fuel inlet restrictor, evaporative canister, and positive crankcase ventilation valve. A Plumbtesmo test is also needed in this option. Plumbtesmo test failure or fuel inlet check failure would require the replacement of the catalytic converter. A copy of the June 18, 1985, letter is attached.

It is pointed out that a tampering only program as described for Cincinnati would not be acceptable for Cleveland because Cleveland is currently nonattainment for carbon monoxide, and a tampering only program would not meet the required CO RACT emission reduction requirement of 34.1 percent. The OEPA has recently submitted a request to U.S. EPA to redesignate Cleveland as attainment for CO. While U.S. EPA is currently reviewing this request and has come to no conclusion, if Cleveland were to be redesignated to attainment for CO, a tampering only program could be acceptable for Cleveland because the RACT emission reduction requirement for HC could be met.

If \int ou have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sinderely yours

Valdas V. Adamkus, Regional Administrator

Attachments

cc: Warren Tyler, OEPA Chuck Taylor, OEPA



City of Clebeland

GEORGE V. VOINOVICH, MAYOR

GARY J. NIED COMMISSIONER DIVISION OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL 2735 BROADWAY AVENUE CLEVELAND, OHIO 44115 (216) 664-3500 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE
JEFFREY D. COMFORT
DIRECTOR

May 9, 1985



SERVING OHIO EPA AS
AGENCY 13 FOR
CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Mr. Harry Judson Division of Air Pollution Control Ohio Environmental Protection Agency 361 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

Re: Carbon Monoxide Redesignation for Cuyahoga County

Dear Mr. Judson:

At the present time Cuyahoga County is designated non-attainment for carbon monoxide (CO). This designation is based on CO data accumulated at our air monitoring sites since 1975. The year 1975 shows that the CO level exceeded the 8-hour standard a total of 18 times (based on the 8 a.m. PSI). Succeeding years have shown a significant decline in exceedances of the CO standard since 1978 with the exception of a 48-hour period in March, 1983 when high levels of CO, resulting from a massive tire fire, affected both of our CO monitoring sites. Nevertheless, as of April 1, 1985, both of our CO monitoring sites have not recorded an exceedance of the 8-hour standard during the last eight (8) consecutive quarters.

The following table summarizes this decline in CO concentrations:

Year Number of Exceedances		Maximum 8-Hour Concentration PPM	Annual Average Concentration PPM		
1975	18	19.80	2.13		
1976	13	14.16	2.70		
1977	2	11.34	1.40		
1978	2	10.98	1.19		
1979	1	10.14	1.25		
1980	0	5.94	1.08		
1981	0	5.76	1.07		
1982	0	5.50	1.05		

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CARBON MONOXIDE DATA - CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

Year	Quarter	Month	Cleveland CO Average (PPM)	Clinic Exceedances	A.J. Rickoff CO Average (PPM)	School Exceedances
1983	2nd	Apr.	1.9	0	0.7	0
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11	11	•	2.2	0	1.2	0
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1983	3rd	Ju1	2.7	0	1.4	0
11	11	Aug	3.2	0	1.6	0
11	11	Sep	2.6	0	1.1	0
1983	4th	Oct.	2.2	0	0.7	0
11	11	Nov.	1.8	0	0.7	0
11	11	Dec.	1.6	0	0.5	0
1984	1st	Jan.	1.9	0	NA	0
11	11	Feb.	1.8	0	NA	0 -
11	11	Mar	1.7*	0	0.8	0
1984	2nd	Apr.	1.6*	. 0	0.8	0
11	11	May	1.3*	0	0.6	0
**	11	Jun	1.8*	0	0.7	0
1984	3rd	Jul	1.8*	0	0.7	0
11	11	Aug	2.0*	0	0.9	0
11	11	Sep	1.7*	0	0.8	0
1984	4th	0ct	2.0*	0	1.2	0
11	11	Nov	1.5*	0	0.7	0
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1985	1st	Jan.	1.7*	0	0.9	
11	11	Feb.	1.8*	0	1.1	0
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^{*}CO monitoring site was changed from Cleveland Clinic to the Cleveland Health Department.

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January 6, 1966

Dear Kika:

Thank you for your recent telegram to the President regarding the enforcement of Section 226 of the Motor Safety Transportation Act of 1984 at the Hidalgo, Texas, U.S.-Mexico International Port of Entry.

Please know that your concerns in this regard have been brought to the attention of the appropriate Administration officials and will receive a promot review and further response.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr. Assistant to the President

The Honorable E Kika de la Garza House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Administrator

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The Honorable E. G. "Pat" Patterson Washington State Senate Institutions Bldg. 204A Olympia, WA 96504

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of John Cartmell of Pasco, Washington, who is concerned that enactment of mandatory safety belt use laws may restrict individual freedom of choice. I want to emphasize that Secretary Dole carefully considered all of the effects of the various occupant crash protection alternatives before reaching her final decision.

Although Mr. Cartmell is familiar with some elements of Secretary Dole's decision on occupant crash protection, I believe it would be helpful to review briefly that decision. In 1981, the Department withdrew a regulation that required all new cars to be equipped with automatic restraints (such as airbags or automatic seat belts). In 1983, the Supreme Court overturned that decision, and ordered the Department to reconsider whether to require automatic restraints. Secretary Dole's subsequent decision is consistent with the Supreme Court opinion, and is designed to save as many lives as possible as quickly as possible. We believe that effectively enforced state laws requiring the proper use of safety belts offer our best opportunity to save lives today at virtually no additional cost to the consumer. The decision also reflects our belief in the value of automatic occupant protection systems, such as air bags and automatic safety belts, by requiring all new cars to have automatic protection starting with the 1990 model year. The automatic protection requirement is phased-in during the preceding three years.

The decision also specifies that if States with two-thirds of the U.S. population enact effective safety belt use laws by 1989, the requirements for automatic protection will no longer apply. In either event, motorists will be assured of substantially improved protection.

I would like to emphasize that the Department has never suggested that States would lose any Federal funding if they do not adopt safety belt use laws. The Department has no authority to withhold Federal funds in such a situation. Decisions on safety belt use laws are properly made by the States, and we encourage citizens to make their views known to their State legislators on this matter.

As to Mr. Cartmell's comments on how safety belt laws affect the rights of citizens, we recognize that a safety belt use law requires an action that many people do not take voluntarily. However, all traffic laws involve some restraint on individual behavior. Most are accepted without a second thought: we drive on the right side of the road, obey speed limits and stop at red lights. In many cases, the failure of motorists to obey these laws will have an impact on other motorists as well as themselves. The same is true for failing to wear safety belts, because automobile accidents have many "victims" -- family, friends, employers and taxpayers -- all of whom bear some measure of the human and economic cost. During the past decade, 470,000 persons have died on American highways. Each year an estimated 300,000 are injured seriously enough to require hospital treatment. These traffic deaths and injuries have resulted in an annual cost to society of 57 billion dollars resulting from the costs of such things as emergency medical services, long-term medical care and rehabilitation, worker's compensation, welfare payments, and lost tax revenue.

We believe that the relatively small intrusion resulting from safety belt use laws is more than justified by the possibility of achieving substantial reductions in vehicle-related deaths and injuries, and to reduce the financial burden on the taxpayers. To date, 19 States and the District of Columbia have passed belt use laws, and early data indicate that they are working to save lives.

It is good to know of Mr. Cartmell's views on safety belt use laws. We welcome the interest of all concerned citizens on this important subject and we appreciate this opportunity to advise you of our efforts to improve occupant crash protection for all Americans.

Sincerely,

Diane K. Steed

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 14, 1986

Dear Senator Patterson:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your recent correspondence.

I have forwarded a copy of your comments to the appropriate officials at the Department of Transportation for their review and direct reply.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to the attention of the Administration. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

K. Kae Rairdin

Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable E.G. "Pat" Patterson Senator of the State of Washington Institutions Bldg. 204A Olympia, WA 98504



Washington State Senate

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January 24, 1986

NINTH DISTRICT

The Honorable Ronald Reagan President of the United States The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

Elizabeth Dole's position on mandatory seat belt legislation is not helping the image of the Reagan administration.

Sincerely yours

E. G. "PAT" PATTERSON

State Senator

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Honorable Pat Patterson Washington State Senate Olympia, Wa. 98504

John Cartmell 1305 N. 18th Ave. Pasco, Wa. 99301

The Honorable Pat Patterson,

I am very concerned about the mandatory seat beit law presently being discussed before the Senate. Supporters of the legislation say it is a valuable law because it will save lives. But saving lives is not the basis for good law making. Laws have traditionally been made not to save lives, but to keep people from interferring with each other. This is what determines good law. If you want to test a particular law to establish if it is good, fair, and effective, ask if it keeps people from interferring with each other, not whether it will save lives!

The fact of the matter is, a person endangers no one but himself by not wearing a seat belt, and that choice is his own damn business and no one elses. Now the State is saying it's the State's business because it doesn't like to see people get killed. Unfortunately, that is the price we must be willing to pay for freedom; the highest ideal. Freedom is not for free; we pay an exacting price by allowing things like deaths from not wearing seat belts. But in return we preserve our most precious resource; individual freedom, from which springs happiness, ambition, and self pride. If the State is so concerned about people wearing their belts, it should educate, educate, educate; not regulate! Preserving the individual's freedom and his right to choose is the highest responsibilty you have as an elected representative. Only by educating people on the dangers of driving without a belt can lives be saved and individual freedom be preserved.

Shirley Hankins remarks that she takes a "mother's approach," and that adults should learn to use seat belts to set an example to their children. This legislation by maternal instinct is an insult! What Kind of example a parent sets for their children is nobody's damn business, unless their parenting directly interferes with others! Shirley Hankins is an idiot masquerading as a "representative" of the people. I feel sorry for her constituents.

Rep. Steve Fuhrman, R-Kettle Falls is right when he calls the bill "social meddling," as is Rep. "Doc." Hastings when he says it violates individual rights, and goes into "personal responsibility." The people must learn to take responsibility for their lives. If they don't learn that, we suffer as a nation by breeding a society of weaklings that look to the government as a surrogate parent.

There is a dangerous trend in contemporary politics to legislate peoples lives with the apparent objective of creating a Utopian Society. But passing laws because the laws will "save lives," does not bring us closer to paradise, rather, such laws compromise the individual's freedom, regulates the individual's life, and pushes us nearer to a socialistic system in which people are forced to relinquish there individuality and become dependants of the State. The Federal Government's threat to withhold highway funds unless mandatory seat belt laws are passed is nothing short of Socialistic blackmail! What was it Ronald Reagon said during his first campaign about "getting government off the backs of the American People?"

The concept of making laws for mutual non-interference is not new. Indeed, it is the basis of freedom itself. You must do everything you can as an elected representative to protect that freedom and our lives from the governmental meddling the seat belt law would purvey.

Sincerely

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HIGHWAY TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

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ISSUE: Producers of hazardous materials are working to make their plants safer, but one area of safety that needs improvement is in the transportation of products. Hazardous materials are just as hazardous on the road as they are in the plant, and they are more vulnerable to accidents on the road. With each tank truck capable of carrying at least twice the volume of the chemical spilled at Bhopal, the circumstances for an accident may exist quite often. Such materials are hauled by a fleet of 466,000 trucks on 250,000 highway trips each day.

Information about the routing of hazardous materials and related transportation operating procedures is crucial to avoiding accidents. The federal government has a proper function to provide information to states and local governments. How can we provide information in a timely manner to the states about catastrophic materials transported on their roads? How can we help reduce the risk of an accident and the impact if one occurs?

INITIATIVE: The Department of Transportation should establish a nationwide hazardous material route-plan reporting system for trucks carrying extremely hazardous materials. The Department should define the items and amounts of specific materials for which route plans would be required, draft the specifications and procure and manage the system; and prepare a sample compliance code for the states.

A task force of DOJ, EPA, ICC and State and local authorities should serve in an advisory capacity to DOT.

All firms shipping extremely hazardous materials would be required to file a route plan, which would be transmitted to the State Police in each state along the route. The route-plan would include (1) driver's name and social security number (2) travel route (3) vehicle make and license number (4) shipper's name (5) cargo contents and hazardous code, (6) route of travel, and (7) expected times at determined check points. The truck driver would be required to check in with the state or local police at specific intervals and when unable to meet check point times. The system would automatically modify and retransmit the changed route plan.

Prerequisites for filing a route plan should include at least verification of a safety inspection for mechanical defects within the last year and a computer search of the drivers record for any violations. Noncompliance by firms would result in a fine for the company and noncompliance by the driver would affect his driver's license. The system could utilize existing government information systems such as NLETS or NCIC.

IMPACT: Prior knowledge of extremely hazardous materials transport would lead to better local procedures to prevent and if necessary respond to an accident.

STATUS: This is a new initiative.

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: COLONEL D. E. SCHAET, USMC, RET.

SUBJECT: COMMENDS JIM BURNETT, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD FOR HIS

DEDICATION TO THE CAUSE OF CURTAILING DRUNK

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March 27, 1986

Dear Colonel Schaet:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and your generous comments about Jim Burnett. He has recently been renominated for another term on the Transportation Safety Board, and I'm especially pleased because of your comments that this is the case.

I also want to commend your own activities with the MADD organization. They are doing some fine work and really making a difference in bringing down the tragic toll.

God bless and keep you.

Sincerely,

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COL D. E. Schaet, USMC, Ret. Suite 310 669 Airport Freeway Hurst, Texas 76053

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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a Short note back to Col. Shaet thanking him on this would be appropriate.

You should note that the President just re-nominated Burnett for another term on the Transportation Safety Board

Don





Mothers Against Drunk Driving

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President Ronald Reagan The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Reagan:

As you know, during the past five years, Mothers Against Drunk Driving has been a leading force in the movement to end drunk driving in our nation. While MADD gets much of the credit, there are many others with whom we work that are deserving of recognition.

As we were reviewing some of the activities of MADD recently, it became clear that one such person is Jim Burnett, the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board. There is no doubt that because of the scope of his responsibilities, he is a very busy person. Yet, he has consistently espoused the cause of curtailing drunk driving and has made the time to do something about it.

Establishment of a uniform minimum 21 year old drinking age throughout the United States is key to saving lives of young people. Mr. Burnett has been a strong advocate and a participant in various activities to make this the case. The use of sobriety check points as a deterrent to drunk driving and to identify drunk drivers before they kill someone is one of the most effective techniques at hand. Again, Mr. Burnett has worked for expanding the use of them. The list could go on and on—administrative revocation of licenses, support for legislation to eliminate drunk train engineers, action to ensure airplane

pilots and boat operators do not operate their conveyances drunk, etc. are but a few more. In sum, I would like to bring to your attention that Mr. Burnett has been truly one of the movers and shakers on the drunk driving problem in America, and we commend him for it.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you lead our nation.

Respectfully,

D. E. Schaet

Col. U. S. Marine Corps (ret)

Executive Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 24, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

MAR 25 1986

SUBJECT: URGES REPEAL OF NATIONAL 55 M.P.H. SPEEC

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The Administrator

400 Seventh St., S.W. Washington, D.C. 20590

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

APR 29 1986

Mr. Michael D. Antonovich Supervisor, Fifth District Board of Supervisors, County of Los Angeles 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Antonovich:

President Reagan has asked me to respond to your letter informing him of the action taken by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors regarding the 55 mph speed limit. We appreciate knowing your views on this important traffic safety issue.

As you are aware, the 55 moh speed limit was established by the Congress, and only the Congress has authority to repeal it. Unless and until the Congress grants such authority or takes direct action to repeal the 55 mph speed limit, the President, the Department of Transportation, and the States are obliged to administer the program in accordance with existing relevant statutes.

The Department is currently reviewing the findings and recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) study of the 55 mph speed limit. The NAS recommendations to adopt a point system in which high-speed violations are weighted more heavily than incremental violations has been considered with various configurations. The requirement for a system that treats all States equitably, yet still provides for public safety, has made analysis of various proposals a complex task.

We have received and are considering the results of the California Highway Patrol and California Department of Transportation study as we proceed with formulating Department policy alternatives for the future.

Sincerely.

Diane K. Steed

Diane K. Steed



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 4, 1986

Dear Mike:

Thank you for your recent correspondence to the President regarding highway speed limits.

We have forwarded your letter to the appropriate officials at the Department of Transportation for their benefit and consideration. We will keep you posted on any progress.

Please call me or Cristy Bach, Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs, if we can be of any further assistance.

Best Regards,

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Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Assistant to the President
for Political and Intergovernmental Affairs

Mr. Michael D. Antonovich Supervisor Hall of Administration Room 869 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012



Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

SUPERVISOR FIFTH DISTRICT

March 19, 1986

President Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, acting on my motion, has requested Congress to repeal the national 55 m.p.h. speed limit and allow states to set their own limits.

The justification for the national limit was the oil crisis of the 1970's. That crisis is long past yet the law remains. With the price of oil now below \$15 per barrel, another crisis seems unlikely in the foreseeable future.

The California Highway Patrol and Caltrans have recommended a 65 m.p.h. speed limit along highways outside of metropolitan areas. Raising the speed limit would allow the Highway Patrol to focus more effort on real problems, such as drunken driving and the traffic congestion in urban areas. It would not lead to an increase in accidents on rural highways because traffic there already averages 63-65 m.p.h., and 95 per cent of all motorists in those areas already exceed the 55 m.p.h. limit.

I would appreciate your consideration in supporting the repeal of the national limit.

Thank you and best regards.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH Supervisor, Fifth District

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