

June 6, 2023

President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As the nation's leading traffic safety organizations committed to ending the terrible toll of roadway deaths and injuries caused by motor vehicle crashes, we urge you to take immediate action to nominate an Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

In 2021, traffic fatalities climbed to a 16-year high, as 42,939 people lost their lives on U.S. roads. This is 10,000 more deaths than a decade ago and projected estimates for 2022 indicate that roadway fatalities and injuries will continue to remain egregiously high. At the same time, NHTSA has been without an Administrator for most of the last six and a half years, except for a few months in 2022.

A NHTSA Administrator is critical for providing the leadership needed to expediently advance national roadway safety objectives, some of which are included in the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Roadway Safety Strategy and Call to Action initiative. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Pub. L. 117-58) provides funding and tools to enable NHTSA to move aggressively to prevent roadway fatalities and injuries from both a human behavioral and regulatory standpoint. Additionally, many safety improvements required by the Moving Ahead for Progress in 21st Century (MAP-21) Act (Pub. L. 112-141) and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. 114-94) are woefully overdue.

Your public support of a qualified candidate is essential to overcome opposition and achieve confirmation. NHTSA needs an Administrator who is committed to addressing this growing public health and safety crisis. With lives on the line, we can't afford to wait another day.

Sincerely,



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& AUTO SAFETY



cc: Secretary Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Department of Transportation