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**DATE:** June 7, 2021

**TO:** The Honorable Peter DeFazio, Chair, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
The Honorable Sam Graves, Ranking Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
The Honorable Tom Carper, Chair, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee  
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito, Ranking Member, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee  
The Honorable Charles E. Schumer, Majority Leader, United States Senate  
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader, United States Senate  
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, United States House of Representatives  
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Minority Leader, United States House of Representatives

**COPY:** All members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and all members of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

**FROM:** Member groups of the Executive Leadership Group for Traffic Incident Management (ELG TIM)

**SUBJECT:** Traffic Incident Management

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Dear Congressional Leaders:

With the expiration of the current Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act on the very near horizon, and the consistent bipartisan discussion taking place around infrastructure investment, we are writing to make certain you are aware of our group of safety-focused organizations which comprises the Executive Leadership Group for Traffic Incident Management (ELG TIM).

Since its official establishment in 2013, with funding and support through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the ELG TIM has been bringing together experts from national organizations representing EMS, fire, law enforcement, public works, towing, and transportation. The undersigned membership organizations speak on behalf of nearly 491,000 professionals across our nation who are responsible for responding to traffic incidents of all types. A traffic incident is an unplanned event that impacts traffic such as vehicle breakdowns, roadway debris, and traffic crashes. The work our collective members take on in working at these scenes is very dangerous, and each year dozens of traffic incident response professionals are struck by passing vehicles, injured, and even killed. Everyone who has driven past one of these events knows they are dangerous for other drivers too, since traffic can stop unexpectedly or require a change of lanes to maneuver around roadway blockages. In fact, an initial traffic incident can result in dangerous, and even deadly, secondary crashes.

The primary purpose for the ELG TIM is to ensure our organizations work jointly to understand the role and responsibility of each responder at the scene of a traffic incident, and that essential training is implemented across the nation. This sharing of information and increased knowledge through the ELG TIM results in safer roads for everyone. As of May 2021, there have been over 17,000 TIM training sessions held across the United States, resulting in over 525,000 people trained. The national TIM training has 33 learning objectives created by incident responders for incident responders, and the trainings have been endorsed by every organization representing national responder disciplines. TIM improves responder safety, manages traffic flow, and eliminates congestion by quickly clearing an incident, and provides sound communication amongst all involved at the scene, including the dispatchers providing information to those responding.

The ELG TIM group meets quarterly and during our meetings, we share our individual organizational efforts to promote TIM training and increase the number of professional responders receiving TIM training. TIM related informational updates are provided by U.S. Department of Transportation personnel, and we plan activities to raise public awareness of TIM, such as National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week (NTIRAW) held each November, as well as focusing on how to best evolve our efforts to continuously improve the safety of traffic incident responders, and the traveling public.

Our organizations passionately believe in the effectiveness of TIM training, and we very much look forward to creating opportunities to share additional information about our work with you and your staff. Please note the organizations and our individual points of contact below.

Sincerely,

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