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Mr. John Balsler, Transportation Specialist  
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Re: Letter of Support of the National Transportation Safety Board ("NTSB")  
Work Zone Training Law Enforcement Course on Safe and Effective  
Use of Law Enforcement Personnel in Work Zones

Dear Mr. Balsler:

The National Sheriffs' Association ("NSA") joins the International Association of Chiefs of Police ("IACP"), the Federal Highway Administration ("FHA"), and the National Traffic Safety Administration ("NTSA") in recognizing the daily duties of local law enforcement officers in traffic work zones as part of a dangerous environment.

The National Sheriffs' Association notes that in 2006, 73 out of the 151 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, 48% were killed in traffic-related incidents. As a result, NSA, in the spirit of cooperation with IACP, FHA and NTSA supports NTSB development of a model training course for law enforcement officers who are assigned to work zone duties.

NTSB's "Work Zone Training Enforcement Course" is designed to educate the local law enforcement officers on the safety risks associated with work zones. This NTSB course is designed to reduce law enforcement personnel's individual risk of crash, injury and death in work zones.

The National Sheriffs' Association, a §501(c)(4) non-profit association located in Alexandria, Virginia, was founded in 1940 to promote the fair and efficient administration of criminal justice throughout the nation. The National Sheriffs' Association supports the law enforcement activities and the jurisdiction of the Office of Sheriff throughout the nation.

It is NSA's pleasure to support NTSB's Work Zone Training Law Enforcement Course which promotes the safe and effective use of law enforcement personnel in our nation's work zones.

Sincerely yours,

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