

April 30, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary The Honorable Polly Trottenberg, Deputy Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation Ms. Sophie Shulman, Deputy Administrator National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg, Deputy Secretary Trottenberg and Deputy Administrator Shulman:

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety (Advocates) and members of the Board of Directors extend our deep appreciation to the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for completing the rulemaking requiring automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection for light vehicles.<sup>i</sup>

By NHTSA's own estimation, this action will save hundreds of lives and billions of dollars annually. Realizing this milestone for roadway safety is especially gratifying as Advocates and other stakeholders, including numerous crash victims and survivors, have spent years during the legislative and administrative processes striving toward this goal.

We look forward to continuing to work with U.S. DOT to make our Nation's roads safer.

## Sincerely,

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety Allstate Insurance Company American Public Health Association Amica Mutual Insurance Company Center for Auto Safety Consumer Federation of America Farmers Insurance Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America Joan Claybrook, Former NHTSA Administrator Kids and Car Safety Liberty Mutual Insurance National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company NJM Insurance Group Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research Selective Insurance Company of America State Farm Insurance Companies Trauma Foundation

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