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June 15, 2016

Mr. Michael Griffith  
Director, Office of Safety  
Federal Highway Administration  
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.  
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Washington, DC 20590

*RE: Section 1426 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) & The  
Motorcyclist Advisory Council*

Dear Director Griffith,

As you work to implement the FAST Act, we encourage you to consider efforts to ensure the reestablished Motorcyclist Advisory Council includes participants from the full spectrum of available experts and stakeholders of different organizations.

As you know, Section 1426 of the FAST Act reestablishes a Motorcyclist Advisory Council to coordinate with and counsel the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation on infrastructure issues that could affect motorcyclists. A similar Council was authorized in Section 1914 of the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Unlike the FAST Act, SAFETEA-LU had additional information concerning participation within the Council and contained the following language:

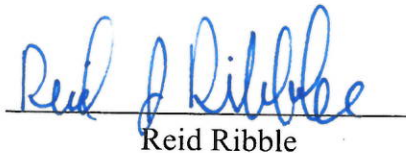
*SEC. 1914. MOTORCYCLIST ADVISORY COUNCIL. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, in consultation with the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, shall appoint a Motorcyclist Advisory Council to coordinate with and advise the Administrator on infrastructure issues of concern to motorcyclists, including— (1) barrier design; (2) road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and (3) the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies. (b) COMPOSITION.—The Council shall consist of not more than 10 members of the*

*motorcycling community with professional expertise in national motorcyclist safety advocacy, including— (1) at least— (A) one member recommended by a national motorcyclist association; (B) one member recommended by a national motorcycle riders foundation; (C) one representative of the National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators; (D) two members of State motorcyclists' organizations; (E) one member recommended by a national organization that represents the builders of highway infrastructure; (F) one member recommended by a national association that represents the traffic safety systems industry; and (G) one member of a national safety organization; and (2) at least one, and not more than two, motorcyclists who are traffic system design engineers or State transportation department officials.*


It would be beneficial for you to adopt similar language as you undergo implementation of the FAST Act and determine participation within the Motorcycle Advisory Council. It is critical that the reestablished Council ensure that motorcyclists with professional expertise in national motorcyclist safety are represented from a variety of different organizations. Section 1914 of SAFETEA-LU does exactly this, and we request that this language is adopted in reestablishing the Motorcyclist Advisory Council under the FAST Act.

Thank you for your consideration as we work to achieve success for the reestablished Motorcyclist Advisory Council and ensure it serves its designated purpose with appropriate participation.


Sincerely,



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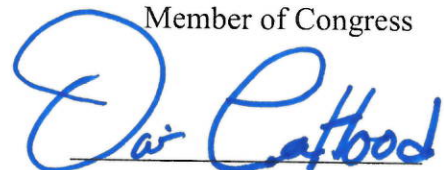
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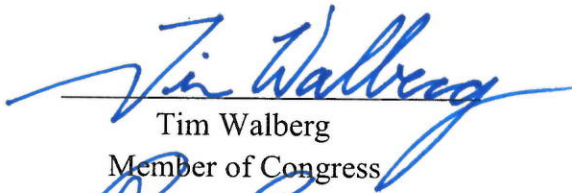
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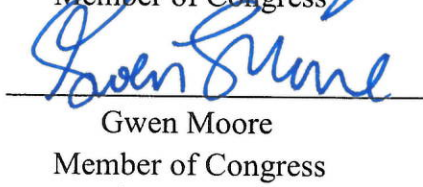


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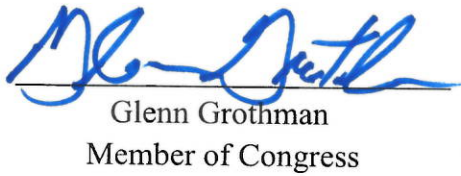


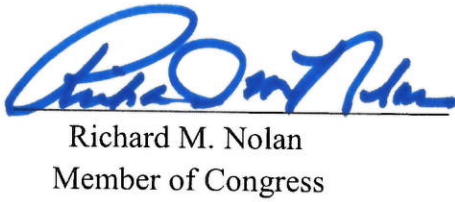
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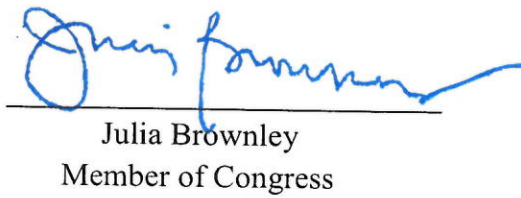
  
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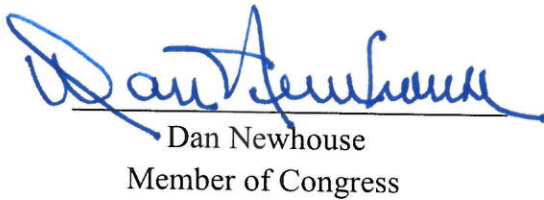
  
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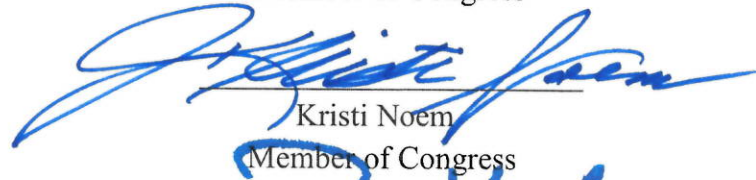
  
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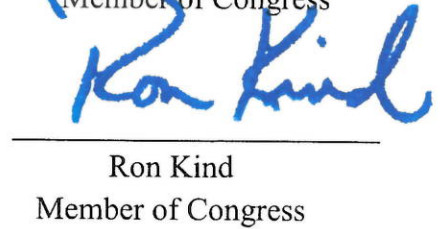
  
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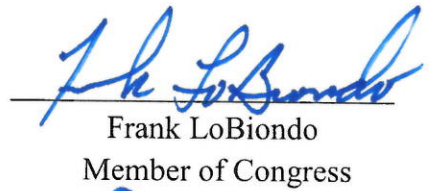
  
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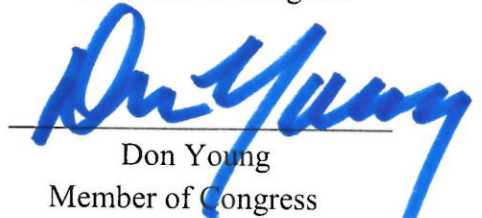
  
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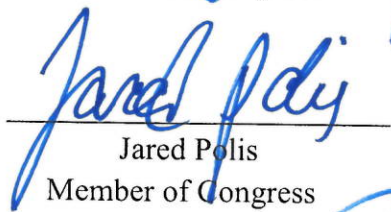
  
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