National Transportation Safety Board



Washington, DC 20594

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Ms. Neera Joshi Acting Administrator Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Joshi:

Thank you for your February 19, 2021, letter regarding Safety Recommendation H-20-24. We issued this recommendation to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration on November 5, 2020, as a result of our investigation of the October 6, 2018, stretch limousine run-off-the-road crash in Schoharie, New York. I appreciate the additional information about the January 26, 2021, Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) quarterly call that Mr. Michael Jordan, Management and Program Analyst, Strategic Planning and Program Evaluation Division, provided to my staff.

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Provide guidance and best practices to states to enforce carrier compliance with state-issued out-of-service orders, based on available information on state efforts to prevent vehicles and drivers from continuing to operate without authority or after being cited for out-of-service violations.

We are pleased that you shared the recommended information with your state partners during the January 2021 MCSAP call. In addition to the slides provided by Mr. Jordan, we understand that there is also a recording available to those with access to the Analysis and Information Online web resource. We note that you have ongoing plans to distribute information and emphasize the benefits of tools your agency has developed to identify violations and help prioritize inspection needs, such as Query Central and the Inspection Selection System, for your state partners. We commend your prompt and thorough action to address Safety Recommendation H-20-24, which is classified "Closed—Acceptable Action."

Sincerely,

Robert L. Sumwalt, III Chairman

ce: Mr. Michael Jordan Management and Program Analyst Strategic Planning and Program Evaluation Division