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TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL: Implementation of Anti-Speeding Technology in the Federal Fleet

Dear President Biden and Vice President Harris:

We, the undersigned organizations, urge your administration to use its authority to issue an Executive Order requiring the installation of active intelligent speed assistance (ISA) in all non-emergency federal vehicles. ISA is a proven technology that helps drivers stick to the speed limit when they drive over it.

We commend your administration's leadership on roadway safety and your commitment to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries on our roadways with the issuance of the first ever National Roadway Safety Strategy and the historic Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. But fatalities on our roadways remain high and the government has been slow to respond.

Retrofitting vehicles in the federal fleet with ISA would demonstrate a rapid response and tangible commitment to safety. Research shows government fleets are not immune to speeding. A 2020 study of a major American municipal fleet recorded 148,034 instances of city cars and trucks driving 10 mph or more over the speed limit. In more than 16% of these instances, the driver was going 20 to 28.9 mph over the speed limit. The study confirms that government vehicle operators mirror the population at large with unsafe driving habits. The federal fleet's adoption of ISA would address this unsafe behavior among its own operators.

Fleet procurement falls well within executive branch powers and there is strong precedent with the Biden administration's 2021 electrification of the federal fleet with Executive Order 14057.

The federal adoption of ISA will help reinforce public acceptance of the technology, which polling indicates the majority of drivers already welcome. It also offers the opportunity for the federal government to directly evaluate ISA at an inexpensive cost (retrofits can cost as little as \$1,250 per vehicle).

Real world examples show ISA encourages safer driving, with local governments leading the way. New York City launched an ISA pilot program in August 2022. In January 2023, the city announced the initiative's early success with fleet vehicles

staying within the set speed limits for 99% of the 133,400 miles driven and a 36% reduction in hard braking events. Hard braking indicates unsafe driving habits, including speeding and tailgating.

Speeding is a factor in nearly a third of all fatal crashes. The widespread public adoption of ISA has the potential to reduce instances of speeding by up to 80%, saving the lives of loved ones across the country. The federal government can take an immediate step toward this safer future by installing ISA on its own fleet.

Sincerely,

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alliance for a Just Society

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety

America Walks

Families for Safe Streets

FIA Foundation

Governors Highway Safety Association

Institute for Safer Trucking

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)

PeopleforBikes

Road Safe America

Together for Safer Roads

The League of American Bicyclists

Transportation for America

Vision Zero Network

LOCAL AND STATE ORGANIZATIONS

3MPH Planning and Consulting, Cleveland, Ohio

Active San Gabriel Valley, El Monte, California

Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Bike Durham, Durham, North Carolina

Bike JC, Jersey City, New Jersey

BikeHouston, Houston, Texas

BikeLA, Los Angeles, California

Bike North Bergen, North Bergen, New Jersey

BikeWalkKC, Kansas City, Missouri

BikeWalkNC, North Carolina (statewide)

BikeWalk Provo, Provo, Utah

Bike Walk RVA, Richmond, Virginia
CalBike, California (statewide)
Carrboro Bicycle Coalition, Carrboro, North Carolina
Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities, Humboldt County, California
Denver Streets Partnership, Denver, Colorado
Detroit Greenways Coalition, Detroit, Michigan
Farm&City, Texas (statewide)
Health by Design, Indianapolis, Indiana
Hinge Neighbors, Rochester, New York
Hudson County Complete Streets, Hudson County, New Jersey
I-475 Neighborhoods Coalition, Toledo, Ohio
Los Angeles Walks, Los Angeles, California
Move Redmond, Redmond, Washington
Nikhil Badlani Foundation, West Orange, New Jersey
New Haven Coalition for Active Transportation, New Haven, Connecticut
New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition, Montclair, New Jersey
Open Plans, New York, New York
Oregon Walks, Oregon (statewide)
Our Streets, Minnesota (statewide)
Pinnacle Prevention, Arizona (statewide)
Reconnect Rochester, Rochester, New York
Ride the Cov, Covington, Kentucky
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Streets for All, Los Angeles, California
StreetsPAC, New York, New York
Transbay Coalition, San Francisco Bay Area, California
Transportation Alternatives, New York, New York
Tri-State Transportation Campaign, New York City Tri-State Region
Walkable Albany, Albany, New York
WalkBike Springfield, Springfield, Massachusetts
WalkMassachusetts, Massachusetts (statewide)
Walk San Francisco, San Francisco, California
Washington Area Bicyclist Association, Washington, DC Metropolitan Region
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