



July 22, 2013

The Honorable David L. Strickland  
Administrator  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Strickland:

I am writing on behalf of NAFA Fleet Management Association regarding the Safety Recommendations that the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) made to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on July 3, 2013.

On June 17, 2013, the NTSB adopted its safety study, *Crashes Involving Single-Unit Trucks that Resulted in Injuries and Deaths*. As a result of this investigation, the NTSB made nine recommendations to NHTSA and reiterated 7 previously issued recommendations to NHTSA.

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request an opportunity to meet with NHTSA staff to share our thoughts as you proceed with an analysis and assessment of NTSB's recommendations. NAFA's Safety Advisory Council is presently undertaking a detailed review of the recommendations. We will share the conclusions from the Council's review with you.

NAFA members are the professionals who manage more than 3.5 million vehicles in fleets of sedans, public safety vehicles, trucks, and buses. Safety is of paramount importance to fleet managers. Fleet managers are all concerned with the safety of their drivers and those that they interact with every day as they perform their jobs in fleet vehicles. In the business world, safe driving means fewer accidents, lower insurance premiums, and the use of less fuel, but it also means the protection of a company's greatest assets – its employees. NAFA Fleet Management Association has long understood that fleet safety extends far beyond a company's bottom line. Since driver behavior impacts fleet crash rates, fuel consumption, and wear and tear on the vehicles, collectively drivers represent the single biggest factor in a safe, productive, and efficient fleet operation.

We share your interest and those of NTSB in improving safety on our roads and highways. We welcome the opportunity to work with NHTSA as it reviews the NTSB recommendations. For additional information or to schedule a meeting, please contact Patrick O'Connor in our Washington, DC office at 202-223-6222.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phillip E. Russo".

Phillip E. Russo, CAE  
Executive Director

cc: Deborah Hersman, Chair, National Transportation Safety Board