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**Federal Highway
Administration**

Office of the Administrator

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Washington, D.C. 20590

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Patrick McKenna, President
American Association of State Highway
and Transportation Officials
555 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear President McKenna:

Thank you for your leadership and the response activities the State departments of transportation are undertaking to serve and safeguard their communities during this difficult time. We value the tremendous partnership the Federal Highway Administration has with State transportation leaders, and we stand ready to assist in any way we can.

As the different State jurisdictions consider additional actions to protect communities from the spread of COVID-19, we encourage State transportation officials to keep in mind the impact those actions may have on the free flow of products from suppliers to communities or on the health and safety of essential critical infrastructure workers such as those who transport the products. Placing undue restrictions on the National Network or closing rest areas where professional drivers can rest may risk the safe and timely delivery of medical supplies, food, and other essential goods. As we all work to stem the tide of this outbreak, let us also continue to facilitate the safe, efficient, and seamless transport of critical supplies across the Nation.

Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Nicole R. Nason
Administrator

cc:
Jim Tymon, AASHTO Executive Director