



May 13, 2026

The Honorable Ted Cruz
 Chairman
 Committee on Commerce, Science, &
 Transportation
 U.S. Senate
 Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
 Ranking Member
 Committee on Commerce, Science, &
 Transportation
 U.S. Senate
 Washington, DC 20510

RE: Urgent Support Requested for a National ***“Move Over, Slow Down”*** Law

Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell:

Our coalition of organizations is dedicated to the safety of roadside workers, first responders, law enforcement officers, commercial motor vehicle drivers, tow truck operators, highway maintenance crews, mobile repair workers, and the traveling public. As representatives of hundreds of thousands of Americans whose lives are endangered daily on the shoulders of our nation’s roads, we urge Congress to pass federal legislation establishing a uniform, national ***“Move Over, Slow Down”*** law that carries consistent education and public awareness standards across all fifty states.

Although almost every state has some version of a move-over law, requiring drivers to change lanes or significantly slow down when approaching stopped emergency vehicles, tow trucks, and/or vehicles with flashing hazard lights, there is not a consistent or uniform understanding of the rules of the road. In fact, data shows that drivers are often unaware that these laws are on the books.¹ The consequences of these inconsistencies are measured in lives lost.

A uniform, national ***“Move Over, Slow Down”*** standard coupled with driver education requirements and a public awareness campaign would help establish a much-needed foundation for improving safety along the Interstate Highway System. We support a uniform, nationwide standard requiring drivers to move over one full lane (or, where lane change is not safely possible,

¹ National Safety Council. (2019, March). *First responder safety public opinion poll available at <https://www.nsc.org/getmedia/ab4f53b5-d4d1-4049-87a7-05a90bc4f75a/first-responder-poll-march19.pdf>*.

to reduce speed to a designated safe speed below the posted limit) when approaching *any* vehicle stopped adjacent to a roadway. We also think this law only works if it includes:

1. Incentive structures that encourage state alignment on the principles of “*Move Over, Slow Down*”
2. Encouragement for state Departments of Motor Vehicles to incorporate education about “*Move Over, Slow Down*” into their driver’s licensing programs, including the online practice exams, road skills test, and knowledge exams
3. Enticements for states to participate in public awareness campaigns.

Our organizations respectfully urge you to consider this critical safety measure in legislation reauthorizing surface transportation programs. We look forward to working with you to address the safety of our nation’s roadways.

Sincerely,

American Trucking Associations
AutoBase
Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance
Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association
DebrisClear
Drive Smart VA
Emergency Responder Safety Institute
End Distracted Driving
Garden State Towing Association
Guardian Angel Devices
HaasAlert
Haines Towing Inc.
IncidentClear
J-Tech
LaneBlade
National Emergency Roadway Responder Safety Coalition
National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund
NATSO, Representing America’s Travel Centers and Truck Stops
Pennsylvania Towing Association
TIM Heroes
Towing and Recovery Association of America
Truckload Carriers Association
Vehicle Management Solutions

Cc: Members of the Senate Commerce, Science, & Transportation Committee