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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chair
Committee on Commerce, Science
and Transportation
United States Senate
254 Russell Senate Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roger Wicker
Ranking Member
Committee on Commerce, Science
and Transportation
United States Senate
512 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg
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Dear Chair Cantwell and Ranking Member Wicker,

The American Trucking Associations expresses its strong support for the nomination of Meera Joshi to serve as Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. In her eight months serving as Deputy Administrator, Ms. Joshi has become a vital partner to the trucking industry in addressing issues of safety, infrastructure, workforce development, and more. The COVID-19 pandemic and its disruptive impact on the U.S. supply chain did not pause for the transition to a new Administration, and her response to those challenges has been swift, sure, and effective.

Throughout Ms. Joshi's tenure as Deputy Administrator, we have been particularly impressed by her reliance on data to address real-world needs. As a testament to FMCSA's paramount mission of safety, Deputy Administrator Joshi immediately engaged motor carriers, drivers, and other stakeholders across the trucking industry to ensure that we could continue safely serving American businesses and families despite an unprecedented global pandemic, natural disasters, cyber-attacks on pipelines, and a workforce in need of support and growth. Her engagement has been candid, collaborative, and valuable.

We support her nomination without reservation, and hope for and expect swift approval by the Committee and confirmation by the Senate. The safety of our nation's highways—the trucking industry's workplace—cannot afford unnecessary delays in this important confirmation.

Respectfully,

Chris Spear
President and CEO
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