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Ms. Cynthia J. Martineau Executive Director Towing and Recovery Association of America, Inc. 700 12th Street, NW, Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Martineau,

Thank you for your leadership and long-standing commitment to safety for tow truck operators and road service providers. The Towing and Recovery Association of America, Inc. (TRAA) has been a compelling industry voice in Washington, D.C., powerfully articulating your members' safety interests and advocating for stronger protections.

Our first responders and roadside assistance crews put their safety at risk every day to help people on America's roads. Appallingly, approximately every six days, a tow truck operator loses their life while on the job. This statistic is more than just a number. Each tow truck operator represents a person who will never see their family and friends again. These deaths are preventable: every state has laws directing drivers to slow down or move over if a vehicle is stopped on the side of the road. Heartbreakingly, tragic collisions continue to happen.

Earlier this month, I was proud to introduce S.Res.734, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Move Over Law Day, with Senator Braun. Our resolution raises awareness of and promotes adherence to the simple yet effective way to keep workers safe on the road: slowing down and moving over. TRAA has been a leading partner on S.Res.734, and I appreciate your outreach to secure critical bipartisan support.

Thank you for your dedicated and tireless efforts. I look forward to continuing to work with you and promote slow down, move over laws and other initiatives to ensure safety for our tow truck operators and all on our nation's roads.

Sincerely,

Richard Blumenthal United States Senate