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ACTION MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY

From: Kathryn B. Thomson
Acting General Counsel

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Prepared by: Alicia Wilson
Attorney-Advisor

Subject: Delegation of Authority to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator of
Section 31301 (Public Availability of Recall Information) of the Moving Ahead
for Progress in the 21st Century Act

ACTION REQUESTED

I request that you sign the attached delegation, which delegates to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator the authority and responsibility to initiate a rulemaking that makes vehicle recall information publically available on the Internet under Section 31301 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21).

SUMMARY

Section 31301 of MAP-21 mandates that the Secretary require that motor vehicle safety recall information be available to the public and searchable by make, model and vehicle identification number (VIN) in a format that protects consumer privacy not later than one year after the date of enactment of MAP-21. This section also permits the Department to initiate a rulemaking to require manufacturers to provide the information on a publicly accessible Internet website. NHTSA requires the delegation of authority to issue its final rule implementing MAP-21 Section 31301. The attached delegation will authorize the NHTSA Administrator to issue a final rule implementing MAP-21 Section 31301 and make vehicle recall information publically available on the Internet.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that you sign the attached delegation, which delegates to the NHTSA Administrator the authority to issue a final rulemaking and further implement Section 31301 of MAP-21 on the public availability of vehicle recall information. Pub. L. No. 112-141, 126 Stat. 405, 763.

Attachment

The Secretary

APPROVED: _____

DISAPPROVED: _____

COMMENTS: _____

DATE: _____

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THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

**DELEGATION TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATOR**

I hereby delegate to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator the authority and responsibility that was granted to the Secretary in Section 31301 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) (Public Availability of Recall Information).

This delegation is effective immediately.

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Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation

Date: _____

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