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Chandana Achanta
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Dear Ms. Achanta:

With this letter, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is submitting an application for the information collection entitled *National Automotive Sampling System Law Enforcement Information*.

This information collection is needed for NHTSA's Data Modernization Project, in which we are redesigning the National Automotive Sampling System (NASS), a crash data collection system that plays a crucial role in the cost-benefit analysis of most federal motor vehicle safety standards. Per our earlier discussion, we appreciate your help in expediting this vital information collection by:

- 1) permitting us to forego the 30-day Federal Register Notice that would normally constitute part of the application process, and
- 2) agreeing to try to expedite your review.

We understand that you may be on extended leave at this time and understand that you have made your replacement aware of this arrangement, conveyed in an August 15, 2013 email exchange with Walter Culbreath of NHTSA.

Regarding the timeframe for the collection, the Data Modernization Project is proceeding apace with a target date of January 1, 2016 for implementation. The subject information collection is required to design the second stage of the sample design of this crash data collection system. As there are multiple operational and systems architecture activities that depend on the sample design, the second stage must have the collected data by March 31, 2014, and the information collection should begin by January 31, 2014. We appreciate in advance your efforts to review the collection by this date (January 31, 2014).

Although this application is not technically being reviewed under Section 1320.13's Emergency Procedures, we understand that the ROCIS data system will not accept an application lacking a 30-day Notice unless submitted under Emergency Procedures, and such submission requires a letter requesting Emergency processing. In order to submit our application in ROCIS under the above terms of review, we are filing this letter in ROCIS as the letter "requesting" Emergency processing.

Sincerely,



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