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Dear Ms. Menendez

The purpose of this letter is to express our strong support for the project entitled 'Evaluating an Intervention Designed to Reduce Fatigue among Taxicab Drivers', a proposal by Cammie Chaumont Menéndez at the Division of Safety Research within the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

We understand that this study is the latest in a series of studies designed to impact the safety of taxicab drivers which affects their passengers as well. We have supported the groundwork for the proposal by providing a needed contact for a very progressive company in San Francisco that has expressed a lot of enthusiasm for the study. We are offering our support for this proposed new study which will evaluate taxicab driver fatigue management using an eLearning module on managing fatigue. Alertness will be measured using a wristband and provide a score to the driver. This study takes advantage of technology to help us learn more about driver fatigue and its attendant issues as well as promote taxicab driver safety which benefits both passengers and drivers.

We are very interested in the results of the survey which will provide evidence for the effectiveness of an intervention designed to reduce fatigue and, therefore, improve road safety. While we believe that driver compliance with current federal, state and local rules regarding maximum consecutive driving hours could help minimize driver fatigue, this study will help evaluate this and other variables including the cost-effectiveness component which will help cities determine possible options that are the best fit for their driving workforce. We believe that the findings can be translated not only to taxicab drivers, but other occupational drivers and the driving public as well.

Thank You

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