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The Honorable Jonathan Morrison
Administrator
National Highway Traffic Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington DC 20590

Re: Agency Information Collection Activities; Notice and Request for Comment; Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) and Non-Traffic Surveillance (NTS) (Docket No. NHTSA-2025-0721)

Dear Administrator Morrison,

The American Trucking Associations (ATA)¹ thanks the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the opportunity to comment on the Information Collection Request (ICR), published in the Federal Register on November 18th, 2025. ATA supports the proposed data collection activities by NHTSA and believes that the Fatal Analysis Reporting System (FARS) is critical to understanding roadway safety in the United States.

While FARS requires substantial time and resources, it is the only comprehensive, searchable, and publicly available data set of fatal crashes in the United States. It is critical to understanding the current state of roadway safety, trends in roadway safety, and how changes in policy, technology, infrastructure, regulations, and driver behavior impact safety. It is necessary for stakeholders to effectively target the causes of fatal crashes and ultimately reduce roadway fatalities. ATA believes there are also opportunities to enhance FARS in the future to improve the level of detail and consistency of data reporting. FARS is necessary to the mission of the DOT and for stakeholders in roadway safety to reduce crashes. The methods used to collect FARS are necessarily intensive but are more than justified by their outputs and utility in the goal of reducing fatal crashes and saving lives. ATA does not believe it would be possible to replace FARS with other data sources and achieve the necessary level of detail to accomplish the DOT's mission of reducing crashes and improving the safety of the motoring public.

ATA urges the Office of Management and Budget to approve the proposed data collection so that NHTSA and the DOT can continue the important mission of reducing fatal crashes on America's roadways. If there are any questions or if ATA can be of any assistance, please contact the undersigned at (703) 838-7980 or kgrove@trucking.org.

Sincerely,

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¹ ATA is a united federation of motor carriers, state trucking associations, and national trucking conferences created to promote and protect the interests of the trucking industry. Directly and through its affiliated organizations, ATA represents more than 30,000 motor carriers in the United States encompassing every type and class of motor carrier operation.