



December 22, 2025
The Honorable Jonathan Morrison
Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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 Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) is an indispensable tool for roadway safety advocates dedicated to preventing traffic deaths and supporting victims of road crashes. We strongly encourage NHTSA to continue prioritizing and fully funding this vital resource.

Families for Safe Streets is a nonprofit organization comprised of people who have lost loved ones or have been injured in traffic crashes. We are the people behind each of the statistics collected in FARS, and we are deeply committed to being data-driven in our advocacy for safer streets. The data on the number of people killed and injured, as collected by FARS, is critical to understanding the scale of the problem, identifying trends, and designing effective interventions. Without accurate and comprehensive data, efforts to prevent crashes and save lives are significantly weakened.

While FARS is not without limitations—such as the time it takes to certify and release each year’s dataset—it remains unmatched in scope and accuracy. No other data source provides a nationwide, consistent census of fatal crashes. Any efforts to streamline FARS, including simplifying data elements or modernizing reporting systems, must maintain accuracy and ensure year-to-year compatibility. Families for Safe Streets urges NHTSA to seek public input on any substantial changes to this system.

FARS data have directly supported policies and programs that prevent deaths and injuries, including seat belt and child restraint enforcement, helmet laws, vehicle safety standards, and crash countermeasures. Our organization, along with other partners, relies on this data to advocate for safer streets, identify dangerous roadways, and push for meaningful legislative and regulatory changes. The data also allow us to honor and remember the lives lost by understanding the circumstances of crashes and preventing similar tragedies in the future.

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Families for Safe Streets (FSS) confronts the epidemic of traffic violence by advocating for life-saving changes and providing support to those who have been impacted by crashes. FSS is a national movement with members across the country who have been injured or lost loved ones,

For these reasons, Families for Safe Streets strongly supports NHTSA's continued collection of FARS and NTS data and urges the agency to maintain this essential national resource.

Sincerely,

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Amy Cohen
Founder & President
Families for Safe Streets