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The Honorable Thomas M. Sullivan  
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**Re: NHSTA Adherence to Section 610 Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act**

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

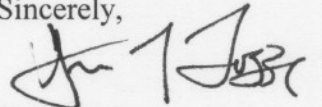
The Center for Regulatory Effectiveness is a regulatory watchdog focused on ensuring federal agency compliance with the various "good government" laws including the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Paperwork Reduction Act and the Data Quality Act. As a watchdog, it is incumbent on us to recognize examples of superior government services as well as situations that are in need of correction. Thus, I am pleased to call your attention to NHSTA's adherence to the important but often overlooked Section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Earlier this year, CRE met with NHTSA to ensure that the Section 610 review process would begin this year on the agency's Early Warning Reporting rule as required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act and the agency's Section 610 Review Plan published in the Unified Agenda.

NHTSA staff gave serious attention to our small business concerns and yesterday the agency published the *Federal Register* notice seeking public comment on whether the Early Warning Reporting rule and other scheduled NHTSA regulatory actions would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

NHTSA officials deserve commendation for close adherence to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Sincerely,



Jim Tozzi

Member, Board of Advisors

cc:

The Honorable Nicole R. Nason, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration