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Stephanie Pollock, Acting Administrator
U.S. Federal Highway Administration
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC

May 4, 2021

RE: National Standards for Traffic Control Devices: Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways Revision (FHWA-2020-0001-0001)

Dear Acting Administrator Pollock,

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, the largest, broad-based business advocacy organization in the Commonwealth, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions to the Federal Highway Administration's standards for traffic control devices on public roads, as codified in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The PA Chamber supports proposed revisions to the MUTCD that would accommodate and accelerate deployment of innovations in automated vehicle technology, and encourages agency leadership to collaborate with Congress on infrastructure funding packages to ensure that as these standards are passed on to states and local governments there are sufficient revenues and resources provided to states for successful implementation.

A well-maintained, adequately funded infrastructure system throughout Pennsylvania is vital to the health and growth of our economy and the surrounding region. Advances in transportation technology, such as autonomous and connected vehicles, have the potential to significantly reduce the cost of moving people and goods on our state and nation's roadways, while dramatically increasing safety and reducing emissions. Further, establishing Pennsylvania as a leader in the research, testing and development of these technologies will have a positive impact on economic development and further cement the state's position as a leader in innovation and new technology. As such, the PA Chamber supports policy that encourages the research, development, adoption and deployment of innovative transportation technology, and opposes overly burdensome regulations that inhibit the adoption and use of ridesharing services. This includes revisions and standardizations of line painting and signage as contemplated in the proposed revisions to the MUTCD, elements of which have also been shown by FHWA's to improve safety by significantly reducing lane departure crashes and associated serious injuries.

In closing, the PA Chamber supports continued innovation in the transportation sector as well as regulatory approaches that accommodate the deployment of new and safer transportation technologies. As the proposed revisions to the MUTCD seek to accomplish those shared goals, we support their adoption and finalization, and reiterate our encouragement to the administration and Congress to ensure states are provided adequate revenues and resources to implement these changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Sunday". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin Sunday
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