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Docket Management  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
West Building, Room W12-140  
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, submissions, and Approvals: Fatality Analysis Reporting System and Non-Traffic Surveillance [Docket No. NHTSA-2025-0721]**

Dear Associate Administrator Chen:

The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) strongly encourages the agency's continued information collection under the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS). The FARS system represents an indispensable resource for evidence-based highway safety efforts. Since its inception in 1975, FARS has provided the only comprehensive census of fatal motor vehicle crashes in the United States.

Consistent and comprehensive safety data is invaluable in supporting both federal and state evidence-based policy development. FARS data enables policymakers at all levels of government to identify emerging safety challenges, evaluate intervention effectiveness, and allocate resources strategically.

The standardized data elements FARS collects and publicizes ensure that all jurisdictions are measuring the same phenomena in comparable ways. This comparative data facilitates meaningful cross-state analysis and best practice identification – especially for addressing interstate safety challenges such as commercial vehicle operations and impaired driving patterns that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

The FARS system remains an irreplaceable component of our national highway safety infrastructure. Its continuation is essential for maintaining the data-driven approach that has contributed to significant reductions in traffic fatalities over the past five decades. I strongly support NHTSA's request for extension of this information collection. AAMVA thanks NHTSA for its continued commitment to safety and looks forward to continued partnership in saving lives.

Sincerely,

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