

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 22, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

I write today regarding the need for a new nominee for Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration following the announced departure of Meera Joshi, current Deputy Administrator and nominee-Administrator. Given the ongoing supply chain challenges that are contributing to inflation and the importance of ensuring both safety and stability within the trucking industry, I urge you to swiftly select another nominee for consideration by the Senate.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration plays a critical role in the safe and efficient movement of goods and people. The bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* that you signed into law in November reauthorizes surface transportation programs at levels not seen since the creation of the Interstate Highway System. It invests \$110 billion in additional funding for critical needs like repairing our roads and bridges, which are vital for the trucking industry, and establishes a pilot program and workforce promotion campaign to bring new commercial drivers into the industry. The bill also makes a number of improvements to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to protect commercial and non-commercial drivers alike. A Senate-confirmed and permanent Administrator is critical to the successful implementation of the law. In addition to carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the Administrator position, any nominee will be deeply involved in the ongoing, all-hands-on-deck efforts to rebuild and strengthen our supply chains, which is necessary for addressing inflation and strengthening our country's economy.

Given the importance of leadership at the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for both ensuring highway safety and for contributing to resilient supply chains, I urge you to quickly nominate a new Administrator for consideration by the Senate.

With every good wish,



Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senator