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**Federal Motor Carrier
Safety Administration**

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Dear Disabilities Stakeholder:

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), an agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), is contacting your organization at this time to inform you about the enactment of a new Federal law that has regulatory implications for over-the-road bus (OTRB) companies. On July 30, 2008, the Over-the-Road Bus Transportation Accessibility Act of 2007 became law. The law established compliance with the DOT's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations concerning accessible OTRB transportation (contained in 49 CFR part 37, subpart H) as a condition for the grant and/or retention of interstate operating authority.

The operating authority of an OTRB company will be subject to revocation by FMCSA if the company is found to be in willful and continued noncompliance with DOT's ADA regulations. The applicability of ADA regulatory requirements depends on the OTRB company's size (which is determined by gross annual transportation revenue) and the type of bus service (fixed route, demand responsive or mixed) provided. To help you understand the specific requirements applicable to OTRB companies, FMCSA has included information on its website at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations/bus/company/ada-guidelines.htm>.

If you have any questions regarding the new law or the ADA regulations, you may contact Mr. Peter Chandler at 202-366-5763, or e-mail him at peter.chandler@dot.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William A. Quade".

William A. Quade
Associate Administrator for
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