



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Federal Motor Carrier
Safety Administration**

Administrator

March 8, 2010

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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The Honorable Thad Cochran
Ranking Member
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Patty Murray
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
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Dear Madam Chairman:

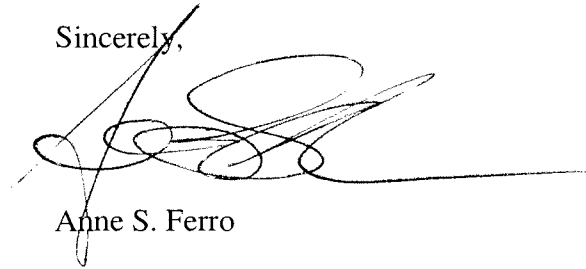
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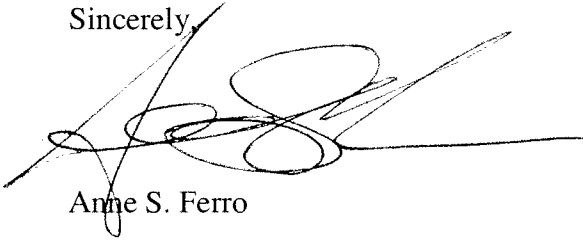
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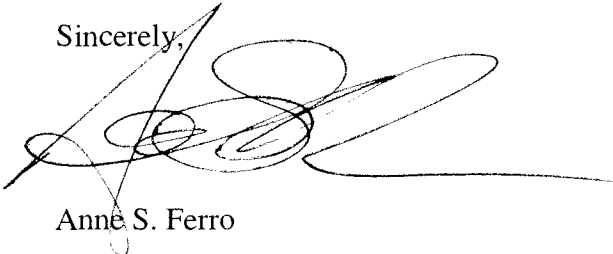
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Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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