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Chairman Babin and Ranking Member Lofgren,

On behalf of the members of the Work Zone Safety Coalition, a coalition consisting of 16 member associations focused on improving the safety of roadway work zones for workers and all road users, we applaud you and your committee for holding this important hearing. It is vital to the safety of all roadway workers that research is conducted, and data collected on work zone crashes, intrusions, and near misses as we work to move the number of fatalities of roadway workers to zero.

Each year, approximately 100 roadway workers lose their lives on our roadways in active work zones, and we believe that the data collection and research being undertaken by groups such as the National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse is crucial to highlighting the dangers faced every day by roadway workers. According to the last available data, almost 900 total fatalities occurred in an estimated 101,000 work zone crashes. These numbers should be alarming and show the need to not only continue but implement ever greater data collection in this area.

As this Committee looks ahead to the next surface transportation reauthorization, we strongly urge you to make work zone safety data collection and research a priority. The men and women who make America's roadways more efficient and safer through their work deserve to be afforded a safe workplace to carry out their jobs. Hearings such as the one hosted by this Committee can hopefully shine a spotlight on this topic and we look forward to working with you as the surface transportation reauthorization process progresses.

Sincerely,

American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA)

National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA)