

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 14, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On April 22, 2015, there was a tragic, fiery multivehicle crash near Georgia Southern University in which a tractor-trailer truck ran over two vehicles, killing five nursing students and injuring three others. For far too long, crashes like this have highlighted the fact that the safety requirements that Congress has required and that have been discussed with you on a number of occasions are desperately needed on our country's roads.

We are aware that according to your regulatory calendar, as well as in repeated hearing statements, you have committed to issuing the final rule from the Department of Transportation on electronic logging and the proposed rule on speed limiter settings for our heaviest trucks within the next few months.

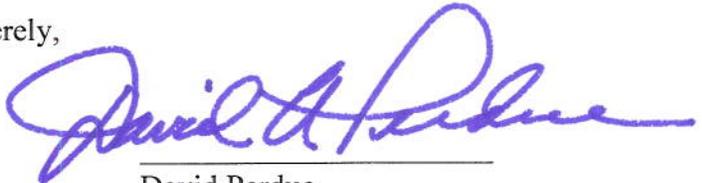
The speed limiter ruling in particular has the potential to drastically decrease the number of high-speed and runaway truck accidents across the country. In addition, the Department itself has stated that this rule would have minimal cost and would decrease the estimated 1,115 annual fatal crashes.

It is unfortunate that we have to read about another tragedy such as the one in Georgia on the front pages of our hometown newspapers while the Department continues to delay the issuance of its rule for this common sense safety measure – originally scheduled to be released in August of 2011 – that could have reduced the violence of the crash and may have even saved the lives of these five young ladies.

Please end the delays and put the highest possible priority on these requirements. Do not hesitate to let us know if we can be of assistance to help expedite implementation.

Sincerely,

  
Johnny Isakson  
United States Senator

  
David Perdue  
United States Senator