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Dear Transit Safety Stakeholders:

I am pleased to share this Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Rail Safety Statistics Report (RSSR) with you. This report presents an industry tabulation and trend analysis of rail transit safety over the seven year period, from 2007 to 2013. The sources of the safety data used in this report are from the National Transit Database (NTD), and the State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program.

The RSSR is intended to provide you with a quick-reference, easy-to-use source document for identifying and reporting on recent safety trends in the rail transit industry. The report's trend analysis include breakdowns of the data by types of events, consequences of accidents, and probable causes. The RSSR is also available on-line at FTA's public website at:

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/rail-safety-statistics-report>

To the entire rail fixed guideway public transportation systems and state safety oversight agencies who provided the NTD and SSO data necessary to produce this report - thank you for your efforts and assistance which made this report possible.

We look forward to working with all of our public transportation stakeholders as we move ahead to strengthen transit safety.

Sincerely yours,

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