

## Comment from Alexandra Oberoi

Traffic laws are written, implemented, and enforced by states. In concept, data collection associated with state laws, knowledge, compliance, and enforcement should be the responsibility of states. However, broad centralized data collection can provide valuable insight into the national understanding of what is a common law in all states. It would also allow for comparison in understanding of school bus passing laws between states. Presumably, states with better community understanding of traffic laws concerning passing school busses have better information and education programs. Identifying those locations could allow for mirroring components of those more effective programs in states with lower understandings, at significantly decreased cost to the states with lower understandings. Data on a specific topic like this is valuable because of the potential direct impacts of results. The fact that this data is concerning something as important as the lives of school-aged children is significant in and of itself. As a professional bureaucrat, I know from experience how easy it is to lose sight of the core reason for an action in the muck of process and procedure. The relatively low cost of a study that could result in better protection of the lives of children is well worth the financial commitment.