Comment from William Belson

As an engineer involved for more than 30 years with automotive adaptions addressing transportation issues of those with physical challenges, I support the NHTSA proposed expansion of the Make Inoperative section part 595. Including rental car operations that would need to temporarily disable and label airbags when hand controls are temporarily installed for a driver is a logical and creates needed guidance. I feel that is an area that has been overlooked in the current part 595 regulations. I agree that the issues faced by rental car establishments would be best served by creating a new section of the Make Inoperative regulations.

After reviewing their response, I want to go on the record supporting the comments provided by Enterprise Holding Inc. dated January 25th 2021.

I feel a part 595 expansion for rental companies is the correct direction to removing another travel barrier currently faced by people who require hand controls to effectively drive a vehicle.

I applaud and thank NHTSA for consideration and support in addressing the needs of users with physical disabilities trying to maintain their transportation independence while traveling. William W. Belson III