



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

# Memorandum

Subject: Ex Parte Meeting with Ms. Marianne Karth, Mr. Eric  
Hein, and Ms. Lois Durso Hawkins

Date:

From: Shashi Kuppa  
Director  
Office of Crashworthiness Standards

To: Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0118

Through: Dee Fujita  
Acting Assistant Chief Counsel (ACC)

Ms. Marianne Karth, Mr. Eric Hein, and Ms. Lois Durso Hawkins met with representatives from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on April 30, 2021, as requested in a letter sent to Mr. Ryan Posten regarding “Recommendations for Underride Rulemaking Cost Benefit Analysis.” A copy of the letter is attached to this memorandum.

In the meeting, the presenters reiterated their concerns to NHTSA attendees regarding underride underreporting, guard designs, and the costs and benefits of underride protection. The information presented is attached to this memorandum in three documents, “Underride PPT to NHTSA April 30 2021,” “SHORTER Underride Presentation to NHTSA April 30, 2021,” and “Final cost benefit analysis NHTSA with notes.” Additional documents referenced by Mr. Eric Hein are accessible online via the link provided in the document “NHTSA submission - Invitation to collaborate.”

## **Attendees:**

Presenters: Marianne Karth, Eric Hein, Lois Durso Hawkins

Guests of presenters: Malcolm Deighton, Aaron Kiefer, Jared Bryson

NHTSA participants: Ryan Posten, Chou-Lin Chen, Shashi Kuppa, Callie Roach, Lina Valivullah, Sean Puckett, Thomas Kang

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Participant: Larry Minor

## Attachments

Recommendations for Underride Rulemaking Cost Benefit Analysis

Underride PPT to NHTSA April 30 2021

SHORTER Underride Presentation to NHTSA April 30, 2021

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