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Safe Kids Worldwide and Safe Kids Automated Vehicle Alliance Comment to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Federal Register Notice Docket No. NHTSA-2022-0009 National Survey of the Use of Booster Seats Data Collection

RE: Docket No. NHTSA-2022-0009

Summary

Safe Kids Worldwide supports the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) request to extend information collection of the National Survey of the Use of Booster Seats.

Support for Extension of Data Collection

Safe Kids Worldwide and the supports NHTSA's request to extend information collection because the National Survey of the Use of Booster Seats is the only survey of its kind which identifies booster rate usage in the United States. This provides critical information for groups like Safe Kids who are interested in developing and advocating for sound policy around child safety in cars.

Safe Kids is a national leader through our Buckle Up program in helping parents, guardians, and drivers properly install car seats and booster seats through our over 400 nationwide coalitions.

This work is critical as road injuries are a leading cause of preventable deaths and injuries to children in the United States. Correctly installed child safety seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71 percent. Sadly, more than half of car seats are not used or installed correctly.

About Safe Kids Worldwide

Safe Kids Worldwide is a nonprofit organization working to help families and communities keep kids safe from unintentional injuries. Most people are surprised to learn preventable injuries are the leading cause of child death in the United States. Throughout the world, almost one million children die of an injury each year, and almost every one of these tragedies is preventable.

Safe Kids works with a network of more than 400 coalitions in the United States and with partners in more than 30 countries to reduce traffic injuries, drownings, falls, burns, poisonings and more.

Losing one child is one too many, and we do not want any parent to have to endure the loss of a child. We are calling on everyone to come together, to raise awareness and to get involved. Saving lives is a decision we can all make every day.