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Comment on Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Grant Programs:
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The comments attached address issues in response to the announced use of Safe System Approach in the National Roadway Safety Strategy from the viewpoint of a contractor from a non-profit organization that in the early 1990's was tasked by NHTSA at the federal level to provide basic child passenger safety education throughout the United States on a state-by-state basis and from the perspective of a now-retired Executive Director of a non-profit that has provided services through a variety of public agencies receiving 402 funding.

SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. is the national non-profit solely focused on delivering services to reduce deaths and injuries of children up to age 15 and their families through the correct, consistent use of safety seats and safety belts since 1980. In the course of our history, we have had success in petitioning for mandated rear-seat shoulder-lap belts and as part of a coalition, retention of lockable safety belts, as well as serving on the National Blue Ribbon Panel on Child Restraint and Vehicle Incompatibility. At the state level, recognition from the California Office of Traffic Safety was received in 2000 and again in 2016 for 35 years of excellence.

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