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NSTA APPLAUDS INTRODCUTION OF JACKIE WALORSKI ENHANCING NECESSARY DATA (END) ILLEGAL PASSING ACT

Today, the National School Transportation Association applauded the introduction of the Jackie Walorski Enhancing Necessary Data (END) Illegal Passing Act. NSTA extends its gratitude to House of Representatives Members Rudy Yakym (IN-02) and Julia Brownley (CA-26) for being prime sponsors of this proposal, as well as their leadership on comprehensive efforts to curb the epidemic of illegal school bus passings around the United States.

As noted in its title, the bill is dedicated to the late Rep. Jackie Walorski (IN-02), the legislative champion of the initial STOP for School Bus Act. In one of her inspiring acts as a Member of Congress, Congresswoman Walorski shepherded provisions from the STOP for School Bus Act through the legislative process and were included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) - signed into law by President Biden on November 15, 2021.

Though the STOP Act was a great start, the illegal passing epidemic continues to grow around the country. According to a study conducted by the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation (NASDPTS) an estimated 41.8 million illegal passing violations are occurring per 180-day school yearⁱ. The Jackie Walorski Enhancing Necessary Date (END) Illegal Passing Act will continue the mission started by the late Jackie Walorski to end illegal passing in America.

“NSTA commends Rep. Yakym and Rep. Brownley for continuing the mission of the late Congresswoman Jackie Walorski. Illegal passing continues to occur, across the country, at an alarming rate and the Jackie Walorski END Illegal Passing Act represents a vital component in the quest to curb this epidemic,” said Carina Noble, NSTA President, and Senior Vice President Communications and External Affairs for National Express in Lisle, IL.

“The illegal passing of stopped school buses continues to be vexing problem that impacts our students in a profound way. We must continue to be vigilant, as we address the root causes of this calamity. NSTA appreciates the efforts of Representatives Yakym and Brownley in introducing the vital piece of legislation, as well as their continued commitment to school bus safety,” said Curt Macysyn, Executive Director of NSTA.

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About NSTA: National School Transportation Association has been the voice of private school bus contractors, manufacturers and suppliers since 1964. The association provides school transportation professionals with the tools and resources they need to make school buses safe, affordable, and efficient nationwide.

ⁱ (<https://www.nasdpts.org/stop-arm-violations>)