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National Safety Council Supports Nomination of Deborah Hersman for Third Term as National Transportation Safety Board Chairman

Itasca, IL – The National Safety Council strongly supports President Obama’s nomination for Deborah Hersman to serve a third term as the National Transportation Safety Board chairman and applauds the Senate Commerce Committee for today reporting her nomination out of committee. NSC and NTSB share in the mission to improve transportation safety, especially as it relates to distracted driving and teen safe driving.

“Deborah Hersman is a wonderful example of a strong and effective safety leader,” said Janet Froetscher, president and CEO at NSC. “She has brought national attention to critical safety issues such as teen and distracted driving, and we look forward to continuing to work with her to save lives and prevent injuries.”

Hersman implemented a complete ban of cell phone use while driving – handheld and hands-free – for all NTSB employees upon being named Chairman in 2009. In December 2011, NTSB became the first government organization to issue a recommendation that all 50 states and D.C. ban the use of portable electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle. Distracted driving was included on the NTSB Most Wanted List in 2012 and 2013. Graduated Driver Licensing, an effective means to keep teens safe, has also been on the NTSB Most Wanted List in 2011 and 2012.

About the National Safety Council

Founded in 1913 and chartered by Congress, the National Safety Council, nsc.org, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to save lives by preventing injuries and deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the road through leadership, research, education and advocacy. NSC advances this mission by partnering with businesses, government agencies, elected officials and the public in areas where we can make the most impact – distracted driving, teen driving, workplace safety, prescription drug overdoses and Safe Communities.

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