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Mr. T. J. Nedrow, Interim Chair
Washington Traffic Incident Management Coalition
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Dear Mr. Nedrow:

Thank you for your leadership and personal efforts toward the creation of the Washington Traffic Incident Management Coalition. As the new coalition begins its work, I want you and your coalition members to know that they have the full support of the Washington State Patrol.

I am pleased to know that we are one of the first states to begin implementation of the National Unified Goal (NUG) for Traffic Incident Management which was developed by the National Traffic Incident Management Coalition (NTIMC). Your leadership and experience as Vice Chairman of that national effort will be a great asset as we plan to implement the NUG in Washington State.

As you know, Traffic Incident Management requires maintaining operational readiness to respond to, and expedite the safe clearance of traffic incidents in cooperation with a number of other entities under the Incident Command System. Developing and maintaining inter-agency partnerships is important to the Washington State Patrol. We are counting on the coalition to help develop and identify new strategies, initiatives, and policies that will improve multi-agency cooperation and coordination at traffic incidents.

We appreciate the personal commitment that each coalition member has made in agreeing to participate in this process, and we look forward to seeing the fruits of their labor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Batiste".

CHIEF JOHN R. BATISTE

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