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Director Patricia Hu
Bureau of Transportation Statistics
U.S. Department of Transportation
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Director Hu,

We write today to congratulate you and your colleagues at the Bureau of Transportation Statistics on the occasion of the agency's 20th anniversary.

Over the past two decades, BTS has played an integral role in providing high-quality data and statistical analyses about our nation's ground, rail, air, and maritime transportation systems to policymakers and regulators at the federal, state, and local levels, as well as to the private sector. The value of the agency's contributions is immeasurable and, without question, has played a vital role in the dynamic growth of our national economy since the agency was founded in 1992.

BTS employees include outstanding statisticians who follow the highest professional standards to develop reports on the transportation infrastructure. These reports deliver essential information needed by decisionmakers for improving and expanding our transportation system. It is because of the invaluable contributions and selfless dedication of these statisticians that BTS has become the premier provider of statistical transportation knowledge within the federal government.

As we look to the future, the ASA commits to advancing our association's cooperative relationship with BTS and continuing to support the agency's data-collection and analysis mission.

We commend you and everyone at BTS for a job well done, and we send along best wishes for a prosperous future over the next 20 years and beyond.

Sincerely,

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Robert N. Rodriguez
President

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Ronald L. Wasserstein
Executive Director