

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On September 12, 2013, you promised that tangible progress on truck safety issues would be made within a short period of time. That promise has not yet been fulfilled. We ask you to fulfill that promise now. Please do everything you can to protect our families and prevent more senseless tragedies by ensuring that the following truck safety improvements are made:

- Raise the minimum insurance liability limits that truck drivers are required to carry. This limit has not been increased in over 30 years, and as it stands today the minimum insurance is not enough to cover the damages. It is time for that to change.
- Improve enforcement of hours of service limits and reduce truck driver fatigue by committing all of DOT's available resources toward expediting the final rule and implementation for electronic logging devices (ELDs) in all trucks, as well as preventing exemptions to hours of service limits. The current logging system is inadequate, both in terms of tracking and enforcement.
- Implement the requirement for improved underride rear guards and start the process of improving side guards and front override guards. The most dangerous type of truck crashes can be lessened by these improvements.

On average, each year, 4,000 people are killed in truck crashes in the U.S. and another 100,000 people are injured. DOT data reveals 2012 fatality figures show an increase in large truck fatalities for the third year in a row—a 16% increase in truck crash deaths since 2009. Truck crash injuries also increased in 2012. There were 104,000 people injured in crashes involving large trucks –an increase of 18% from 88,000 in 2011.

Our families cannot continue to sustain this unacceptably high number of losses and injuries. We urge you to take immediate action so that more lives will not be lost and to assure us that safety is your number one priority.

Sincerely,

Name

City, State

Zip Code

Additional Comments:

What You Can Do To Help:

Remember AnnaLeah & Mary Karth on the anniversary of their truck-related car crash (May 4, 2013). Voice your support for truck safety advocacy—helping to make the roads safer for us all. On May 5, 2014, we will be delivering signed petitions in purple (remembering AnnaLeah) and orange (remembering Mary) envelopes to Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx in Washington, DC.

We will be letting Secretary Foxx know that he is receiving these petitions as a reminder of lives lost in truck-related crashes, and also of his statement to the Truck Safety Coalition, when we met with him regarding vital truck safety issues on September 12, 2013, "I can promise you tangible progress within a short period of time."

1. Share this story & petition with others, <http://bit.ly/1gN3jQf> :

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Tumblr
- Google+
- your email contacts
- blogs you write
- any other conversations which you engage in .

2. Organize efforts to get signatures from members of a group to which you belong.

- Advertise The AnnaLeah & Mary Petition: STAND UP FOR TRUCK SAFETY to your group.
- Encourage group members (and everyone else you know) to sign the online petition by providing them with this link: <http://bit.ly/1gN3jQf> .
- Additionally, you can print off copies of the petition.
- Arrange a time to have the printed petitions available for group members to sign—making sure that they include their contact information as indicated on the form. NOTE: Be sure that they only sign ONE petition: either the online OR printed version—NOT both.
- Mail the signed petitions to us—POSTMARKED NO LATER than April 21, 2014:

Jerry & Marianne Karth
2800 Ridgecrest Drive
Rocky Mount, NC 27803

3. For more information about Our Story and about Truck Safety Issues:

We have set up a website in memory of AnnaLeah & Mary and for the promotion of truck safety advocacy: <http://annaleahmary.com/>

After our accident, we were contacted by volunteers from the Truck Safety Coalition--other people who had lost loved ones in truck crashes--and provided with helpful information and support in the wake of our tragedy.

The **Truck Safety Coalition** is a partnership between **The Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways (CRASH) Foundation**, and **Parents Against Tired Truckers (P.A.T.T)**. The Truck Safety Coalition (TSC) is dedicated to reducing the number of deaths and injuries caused by truck-related crashes, providing compassionate support to truck crash survivors and families of truck crash victims, and educating the public, policy-makers and media about truck safety issues.

Although we are not directly affiliated with the TSC, we believe that they can help you to be better informed. For more information on truck safety issues and to sign up for newsletters and updates, please visit the Truck Safety Coalition's website: <http://trucksafety.org/>