



SAVE THE DATE

Vigil/Press Conference for Underride Victims

on the Steps of the U.S. Department of Transportation

When: September 14, 2023

Time: 1:00—2:30 p.m.

**Where: 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.,
Washington, DC**

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STOP
UNDERRIDES

Families of victims of horrifying truck underride crashes will be standing vigil on the steps of the Department of Transportation. We will be ringing a bell to memorialize the victims and sound an alarm.

We will hold a press conference calling upon the Department of Transportation to require truck underride guards to protect pedestrians, cyclists, and the motoring public from these violent and preventable deaths.



Back of the Envelope Math (does *not* include Vulnerable Road User Deaths)

# of Underride Fatalities	Based on 1994-2015 FARS data	27% extrapolation *	50% extrapolation *
ON AVERAGE/YEAR:			
• Front (16%)	31	173	320
• Side (38%)	76	410	760
• Rear (43%)	86	464	860
• Other (3%)	7	32	60
• Total	200	1,079	2,000
54 YEARS:			
• Front	1,674	9,342	17,280
• Side	4,104	22,140	41,040
• Rear	4,644	25,056	46,440
• Other	378	1,728	3,240
• Total	10,800	58,266	108,000

"Incidence of large truck-passenger vehicle underride crashes in the Fatal Accident Reporting System and the National Accident Sampling System, August 1997, Braver, Elisa R. / Cammisia, Michael X. / Lund, Adrian K. / Early, Nancy / Mitter, Eric L. / Powell, Michael R.

<https://www.iihs.org/topics/bibliography/ref/1104>



"Too often. . . an immediate public call for better safety practices has eventually given way to industry pushback and inaction," Mr. Buttigieg said in a statement. "That must not happen this time."

<https://tinyurl.com/5aw3tej3>