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Docket Management Facility
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
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Washington, DC 20590-0001

Re: Docket FHWA-2020-0001 - National Standards for Traffic Control Devices: Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; Revision

To Whom It May Concern,

I write to express concern with specific provisions of the December 2020 proposed amendments to the National Standards for Traffic Control Devices: Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways. Specifically, Section 2H.05 on Jurisdictional Boundary (I2-1) Signs. The proposed amended language in this section prohibits population, notable community claims, and similar information from being displayed on jurisdictional boundary signs.

Community population, notable claims, and other similar information aides significantly in driver navigation and community identity. Often times highway signs are the only wayfinding signs in smaller, rural communities across the country. Including this kind of information adds minimal additional characters (most often limited to only one phrase). Additionally, the proposed amendment already requires placement of these signs in a manner that does not interfere with higher priority traffic control devices. Accordingly, jurisdictional boundary signs are unlikely to detract from "higher priority traffic control devices." Continuing to allow this foundational community information to be displayed on highway signs has minimal possibilities for harm, but has the potential to continue to have great positive impact on the communities and drivers they serve.

Thank you for reconsidering the prohibition of population, notable community claims, and other similar information on jurisdictional boundary signs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael L. Parson".

Michael L. Parson
Governor, State of Missouri