

Closing Statement

In closing, I would like to recognize the hard work of the NTSB staff in this investigation. I also want to thank my colleagues for the good debate and discussion.

The recommendations we've adopted and reiterated today, if acted upon, will result in a closer relationship between the federal regulators responsible for the safety oversight of agricultural worker transportation.

They'll also result in safety improvements at unsignalized intersections, less chance of spillage or fire due to ruptured fuel tanks on heavy trucks, and increased truck driver occupant protection.

In short, action on these recommendations will go a long way toward the safety of agricultural workers in transportation – and will enhance the safety of all motorists.

We stand adjourned.

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