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**An Important Message from William Arrington To our valued Security Partners
on the 10th Anniversary of 9/11**

As we approach the 10th Anniversary of September 11, 2001, TSA's Highway and Motor Carrier Division (HMC) urges you to increase your level of awareness and vigilance to possible terrorist acts within our transportation systems.

TSA is unaware of any specific, credible threats against our highway systems. We are aware, however, that Al-Qaeda and its affiliated terrorist organizations have been encouraged to commemorate the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks by conducting new assaults against Americans. Over the past ten years, federal forces have intercepted and/or defeated planned attacks, many with the help of alert citizens. Your awareness and your readiness to meet such a challenge can prevent possible disaster.

We strongly urge that you emphasize to your drivers and staff the need for heightened alertness during this period. Review your prevention and response plans and ensure that everyone in your organization is familiar with their role in the deterrence and appropriate response to possible suspicious activities. If there's any doubt or hesitation, awareness training for virtually every sector of the highway industry can be found at the First Observer™ website (www.FirstObserver.com). Training is free of charge, quick and effective. To report suspicious activity, call 888-217-5902 at any time (24/7/365). Please remember that life-threatening or emergency situations should be reported directly to 911; call First Observer with suspicious activity reports.

Homeland Security is everyone's job. Help us keep America safe and secure on this hallowed anniversary so that those who made the ultimate sacrifice a decade ago will never be forgotten and the tragic loss suffered by their families, their friends and their Country was not in vain.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William H. Arrington".

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