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RE: TSA-2015-0001

Dear Docket Clerk:

On behalf of the more than 1,500 member organizations of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), I write to request a 30-day extension of the comment for the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) notice of proposed rulemaking regarding security training for surface transportation employees published in the *Federal Register* on December 16, 2016 at 81 FR 91336.

About APTA

APTA is a non-profit international trade association of more than 1,500 public and private member organizations, including public transit systems; high-speed intercity passenger rail agencies; planning, design, construction and finance firms; product and service providers; academic institutions; and state associations and departments of transportation.

Request for Extension of Comment Period

APTA requests an extension of the comment period for 30 days. An extension allows for a more thorough, careful review of the proposals, it would facilitate our ability to seek comment from a wider range of APTA members potentially impacted by the proposal, and ensures that our comments are constructive, practical, and helpful to TSA. The magnitude of cost impacts and virtual permanence of changes to these regulations leave no room for error and we believe it imperative that TSA grant the requested extension to ensure the final rule is clear, balanced, and effective.

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We appreciate your consideration of this request. For additional information, please contact Linda Ford, APTA's chief counsel, at (202) 496-4808 or lford@apta.com.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" being the most prominent.

Richard A. White
Acting President & CEO

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