**Letter Confirming School Bus Stop Ahead / SCHOOL BUS TURN AHEAD Signs**

(DATE)

(ADDRESS)

Dear (Superintendent or Transportation Coordinator),

Each year the Ohio Department of Transportation receives numerous requests from school personnel and parents requesting SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD and SCHOOL BUS TURN AHEAD Warning Signs.

If you have locations on rural state highways where your bus drivers have indicated, or in the future indicate the need for such signs, we will be happy to investigate the location. These signs are intended for use in areas where sight distance is limited to less than 500 feet. A copy of the portion of the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices relating to these signs is enclosed for your information.

Many times it is much safer for the bus driver to stop at a location not directly in front of a residential driveway, or to turn around at a location not quite convenient, i.e., on top of the hill or around the curve. Where this is possible, we request that this be done rather than having a sign erected, which the road user may not notice.

Since this will also involve the parents, any requests received by this office from parents for these signs will be referred to your office for initial review and approval.

We also ask your assistance in updating the existing signs on the rural state highway system within your school district. We request a review of your existing signs with your bus drivers to determine signs that are no longer needed due to student graduation or a family moving to a new residence. By eliminating unneeded signs drivers will gain respect for the signs that have already been erected. Please provide a listing of the SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD and SCHOOL BUS TURN AHEAD Warning Signs needed in your school district, noting any new requests. Also, please provide a list of any existing signs that can be removed.

We share your concern about pupil transportation safety and wish to thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact this office,

Respectfully,

Enclosure

cc: file