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June 26, 2018

Honorable Phil Murphy
Governor
State of New Jersey
PO Box 001
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Re: A-4110/S-233

Dear Governor Murphy:

On the behalf of the many New Jersey school children who travel by school bus each day, and their parents, I encourage you to sign into law A-4110/S-233, which requires three-point lap and shoulder seat belts on school buses and has passed both Houses of the Legislature.

This is common sense safety legislation is the same protection that children have in their family car. It is of particular importance in Hunterdon County, where a preponderance of our school children travel daily by school bus.

I am joined in support of the bill by my fellow Hunterdon County Freeholders. A copy of a resolution in support of the legislation is attached.

Signing the legislation into law now, will put it in place in time for the new school year that begins in September.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

John E. Lanza
Freeholder

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MEDIA RELEASE

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DATE: July 30, 2018

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Lanza To Governor: Sign The School Bus Seat Belt Bill

Calls On Public To Contact Governor On Social Media

With the new school year fast approaching in September, Hunterdon County Freeholder John E. Lanza renewed his call for Governor Phil Murphy to sign legislation (A-4110) requiring three point lap and shoulder seat belts on school buses.

Lanza, who previously wrote Governor Murphy on June 26th in support of the legislation after it was approved by the Senate by a 38-0 vote, stated, "The bill passed on June 25th, I am not sure why it is taking the Governor so long to give his signature to this needed safety measure."

Lanza is encouraging members of the public to post on Facebook or use Twitter to call on the Governor to sign the A-4110, the School Bus Seat Belt Safety bill. Contact Governor Murphy on Twitter: @GovMurphy. Hashtag, #protectNJkidswithbillA4110.

Lanza, the Freeholder Board's Public Safety liaison, added, "The bill affords school children the same protection that they have in their family car and meets the recommendations of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The legislation is of significant importance in Hunterdon County, where a preponderance of our school children travel daily by school bus."

In addition to the tragic accident in Morris County on May 17th where a Paramus teacher and student were killed and many were injured, there have been four major school bus accidents in New Jersey already this year, the most recent of which was in Medford on July 16th, where over 35 school children were injured.

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MEDIA RELEASE

March 13	Lakewood	minor injuries
March 29	Montgomery	4 children injured
May 17	Mt. Olive	1 student, 1 teacher died, over 40 students injured
June 7	NJ TPK	4 children, 1 teacher injured
July 16	Medford	over 35 students injured