



U.S. Department
of Transportation
National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** Revised Final Recommendation to Deny-
Congressman Timothy E. Wirth Petition to Issue
FMVSS to "Limit Rollover Propensity of Passenger
Automobiles, Utility Vehicles and Pick-up Trucks."

Date

JUL 23 1987

From: Barry Felrice
Associate Administrator for Rulemaking

Reply to
Attn. of.

To: Erika Z. Jones
Chief Counsel

This memo supersedes the Final Recommendation on the subject petition dated June 25, 1987. At a meeting with the Associate Administrators on July 16, 1987, the Administrator decided to deny the subject petition. This decision was based on the fact that there is little likelihood of any rulemaking on this subject in the foreseeable future. The approach proposed by the petitioner, by itself, is not a reasonable or practicable method upon which to base a regulation. The amount of research that would be necessary to adequately understand the issues involved and to develop a rulemaking approach is likely to be extensive and lengthy.

However, the agency recognizes that the rollover accident performance of light duty vehicles is a significant safety issue. In addressing that issue, the research programs laid out in the June 25, 1987, Final Recommendation will be conducted and those suggested in the April 3, 1987, Draft Evaluation will be considered. The denial notice should include a discussion of the agency's efforts in this area.

cc: Associate Administrator for Enforcement
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