

Further, pursuant to BIL, in July 2022, NHTSA published a notice soliciting nominations for an advisory committee on Underride Protection, to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation on safety regulations to reduce underride crashes and fatalities relating to underride crashes. See 87 FR 40346. In April 2023, NHTSA announced 16 members of that committee, which include petitioner Marianne Karth as well as another representative of underride crash victims. The committee is further comprised of representatives of truck safety organizations; motor vehicle crash investigators; law enforcement; labor organizations; motor vehicle engineers; the insurance industry; motor carriers, including independent owner-operators; and truck and trailer manufacturers.

In addition to the advisory committee, NHTSA previously announced several additional actions related to truck trailer underride safety, including improving data collection of underride crashes by recommending inclusion of underride data in state crash data systems and by providing educational materials to state and local police departments on identifying and recording underride crashes. NHTSA is also conducting research on rear impact guard designs that better protect occupants of passenger vehicles in even more rear underride crash scenarios. NHTSA, with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), published a pamphlet in August 2022—which was also distributed to law enforcement through various channels—that explains how to identify and record such crashes.²

After consideration of the petition, including the reports provided by the petitioners, NHTSA believes the issues raised are best addressed through its recent rulemaking and the ongoing actions under BIL. Accordingly, NHTSA has decided not to open a defect investigation and the petition is denied. The denial of this petition does not foreclose the agency from taking further action if warranted or making a future finding that a safety-related defect exists based upon additional information the agency may receive.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30162(d) and 49 CFR part 552; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.95(a).³

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Associate Administrator, Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Department of Transportation Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking: Notice of Public Meetings

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces two virtual meetings of the Department of Transportation Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking.

DATES: The meetings will be held on August 14, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. EDT and September 6, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held virtually. Any person requiring accessibility accommodations should contact the Official listed in the next section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maha Alkhateeb, Office of International Transportation and Trade, U.S. Department of Transportation, at trafficking@dot.gov or (202) 366–4398. Also visit the ACHT website at <https://www.transportation.gov/stophumantrafficking/acht>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

ACHT was re-chartered on July 29, 2022, using the Department's authorities under the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (BIL) (Pub. L. 117–58).¹ Sec. 23020 of BIL requires the Secretary of Transportation, acting through the ACHT and in coordination with the Attorney General, to submit a triennial counter-trafficking report with (1) recommendations for countering human trafficking; (2) an assessment of best practices by transportation stakeholders; and (3) human trafficking violations involving commercial motor vehicles.

³ The authority to determine whether to approve or deny defect petitions under 49 U.S.C. 30162(d) and 49 CFR part 552 has been further delegated to the Associate Administrator for Enforcement.

¹ <https://www.congress.gov/117/plaws/publ58/PLAW-117-publ58.pdf>.

II. Agenda

At the August 14, 2024, meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:

- 10:30–10:45 a.m.—Welcome & Call to Order
- 10:50 a.m.–12:00 p.m.—USG Presentation(s)
- 12:05–1:00 p.m.—Lunch
- 1:05–1:30 p.m.—ACHT Report Overview
 - *David Saperstein, Chair*
 - *Esther Goetsch, Vice Chair*
- 1:35–3:30 p.m.—Discussion and Deliberation
 - *David Saperstein, Chair*
 - *Esther Goetsch, Vice Chair*
- 3:35–3:50 p.m.—Break
- 3:55–4:25 p.m.—Public Comment
 - *Maha Alkhateeb, Designated Federal Officer*
- 4:30–4:45 p.m.—Next Steps and Closing Remarks

At the September 6, 2024, meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:

- 11:00–11:30 a.m.—Welcome & Call to Order
 - *Julie Abraham, Director*
- 11:35 a.m.–12:00 p.m.—ACHT Report Overview
 - *David Saperstein, Chair*
 - *Esther Goetsch, Vice Chair*
- 12:05–12:35 p.m.—Vote to Adopt the ACHT Final Report Overview
 - *David Saperstein, Chair*
- 12:40–12:50 p.m.—Break
- 12:55–1:25 p.m.—Committee Member Reflections
 - *Esther Goetsch, Vice Chair*
- 1:30–2:00 p.m.—Public Comment
 - *Maha Alkhateeb, Designated Federal Officer*
- 2:05–2:15 p.m.—Closing Remarks

Final agendas that include a virtual participation link will be posted on the ACHT internet website at <https://www.transportation.gov/stophumantrafficking/acht>, at least one week in advance of the meetings.

III. Public Participation

The virtual meetings will be open to the public.

Members of the public who wish to attend the August 14, 2024, meeting are asked to register, including name and affiliation, at trafficking@dot.gov, by August 6, 2024. Individuals requesting accessibility accommodations, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, may do so via email to trafficking@dot.gov, by August 6, 2024.

Members of the public who wish to attend the September 6, 2024 meeting are asked to register, including name and affiliation, at trafficking@dot.gov, by August 28, 2024. Individuals requesting accessibility accommodations, such as

² This pamphlet is available at https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/2022-08/Underride-Crash-Pamphlet_071522_v6a-tag.pdf.

sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, may do so via email to trafficking@dot.gov, by August 28, 2024.

There will be 30 minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public joining the meetings. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for each speaker may be limited. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meetings must submit a request at the time of registration, as well as the name, address, and organizational affiliation of the proposed speaker. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meetings, the Office of the Secretary may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers. Speakers are requested to submit a written copy of their prepared remarks no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on August 6, 2024, for the August 14, 2024, meeting, and no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on August 28, 2024, for the September 6, 2024, meeting, for inclusion in the meeting records and for circulation to ACHT members. Written comments timely submitted from those participants not selected to speak will be accepted and considered as part of the meeting record.

Persons who wish to submit written comments for consideration by ACHT during the meeting must submit them no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on August 6, 2024, for the August 14, 2024, meeting, and on August 28, 2024, for the September 6, 2024, meeting, to ensure transmission to ACHT prior to the meetings. Comments received after those date and time will be distributed to the members, but may not be reviewed prior to the meetings.

Copies of the meeting minutes will be available on the ACHT internet website at <https://www.transportation.gov/stophumantrafficking/acht>.

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Carol Annette Petsonk,

Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Multiple Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury will submit the following information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The public is invited to submit comments on these requests.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before July 26, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the submissions may be obtained from Melody Braswell by emailing PRA@treasury.gov, calling (202) 622-1035, or viewing the entire information collection request at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

1. *Title:* Methods to Determine Taxable Income in connection with a Cost Sharing Arrangement—IRC section 482.

OMB Number: 1545-1364.

Treasury Decision Numbers: 9568.

Abstract: This document contains final regulations regarding methods to determine taxable income in connection with a cost sharing arrangement under section 482 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code). The final regulations address issues that have arisen in administering the current cost sharing regulations. The final regulations affect domestic and foreign entities that enter into cost sharing arrangements described in the final regulations.

Current Actions: There are no changes to the information collection.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time per Response: 18 hours, 42 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 9,350.

2. *Title:* IRS e-file Signature Authorization for Forms 720, 2290, and 8849.

OMB Number: 1545-2081.

Form Number: 8879-EX.

Abstract: Form 8879-EX, IRS e-file Signature Authorization for Forms 720, 2290, and 8849, will be used in the Modernized e-File program. Form 8879-EX authorizes a taxpayer and an electronic return originator (ERO) to use a personal identification number (PIN) to electronically sign an electronic excise tax return and, if applicable, authorize an electronic funds withdrawal.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1 hr., 12 mins.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 16,750.

3. *Title:* IRS Paid Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) Application and Renewal.

OMB Number: 1545-2190.

Form Project Number: Form W-12.

Abstract: A paid tax preparer uses Form W-12 to apply and renew for a preparer tax identification number (PTIN).

Current Actions: Updates to the indicators used to calculate burden for Form W-12 will increase the overall burden estimate by 1,740,000 hours.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, business, or other for-profit organization.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,200,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 2 hrs., 40 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,204,000.

4. *Title:* Application for Employee Retention Credit (ERC) Voluntary Disclosure Program.

OMB Number: 1545-2316.

Form Number: 15434.

Abstract: The Employee Retention Credit Voluntary Disclosure Program (ERC-VDP) was created in order to provide a streamlined avenue for taxpayers to return funds for improperly claimed ERC credits and be afforded a 20% reduction in the amount to return.

To participate in the initiative, taxpayers must submit information about the improper ERC claimed, refund received, their identifying information, and the identifying information of any preparer/advisor who assisted them with the ERC claim.

Current Actions: There are no changes to the form at this time. This notice is