



**Technical Review Notification Letters**  
**Survival Factors Group Chairman's Report**  
**HWY19MH001**  
(11 pages)



# National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594

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July 31, 2019

Captain Richard J. O'Brien  
New York State Police  
Troop G BCI  
760 Troy-Schenectady Rd  
Latham, NY 12110

Re: Limousine Off Roadway  
October 6, 2018  
Schoharie, NY

Captain O'Brien,

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Respectfully,

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Jonathan Nicastro  
Office of Modal Safety and Security  
50 Wolf Rd  
Albany, NY 12232

Re: Limousine Off Roadway  
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Schoharie, NY

Mr. Nicastro,

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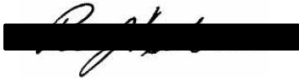
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Scott Nowalk, P.E.  
New York State Department of Transportation  
Region 9  
310 Mineral Springs Road  
Cobleskill, NY 12043

Re: Limousine Off Roadway  
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Schoharie, NY

Mr. Nowalk,

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Laura Lawton, Safety Investigator  
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, NY Division  
Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building  
11A Clinton Avenue Room 815  
Albany, NY 12207

Re: Limousine Off Roadway  
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Ms. Lawton,

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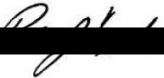
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Matt Fyie  
Ford Motor Company  
One American Rd  
Dearborn, MI 48126

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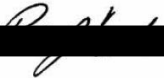
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