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Remarks: Please see the attached letter from NHTSA Administrator Mark Rosekind.

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, NE
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January 13, 2016

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and your State have a common goal - reducing the number of motor vehicle deaths, injuries and crashes that occur on our Nation's highways. NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) data file is used by your State and others to make critical safety program decisions, to apply for Federal grants, and to create highway safety plans and legislative agendas.

Through cooperative agreements with all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, NHTSA collects data on a census of police-reported fatal traffic crashes and creates the FARS data file. NHTSA is requesting your help to ensure that your State completes their 2015 FARS coding by *April 15, 2016*, several weeks earlier than the past year. The sooner the data is available, the sooner States, NHTSA, and all of our safety partners can combine sound science with quality crash fatality data to reduce the human and economic cost of motor vehicle crashes. With NHTSA's recently released estimate that traffic fatalities are up across the country by 8 percent for the first 6 months of 2015, the more quickly we can take action, the better.

NHTSA developed the enclosed maps for the States to provide them with a snap shot on reaching FARS timeliness and completeness goals. We have been sharing these maps on a monthly basis with the States, and the Governor's Highway Safety Association will sponsor a webinar on FARS data quality on January 19, 2016, at 3 p.m. EST.

NHTSA wants to work with the States to help ensure they can meet the April 2016 coding completion date. My Agency is prepared to offer coding assistance if the States need that help. In addition, NHTSA can provide assistance to the State level FARS program managers to help identify operational issues and suggest potential solutions.

NHTSA looks forward to continuing to work with your State and all of our safety partners to improve traffic safety. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact your NHTSA Regional Office or Terry Shelton, Associate Administrator, NHTSA's National Center for Statistics and Analysis, at (202) 366-4290.

Sincerely,

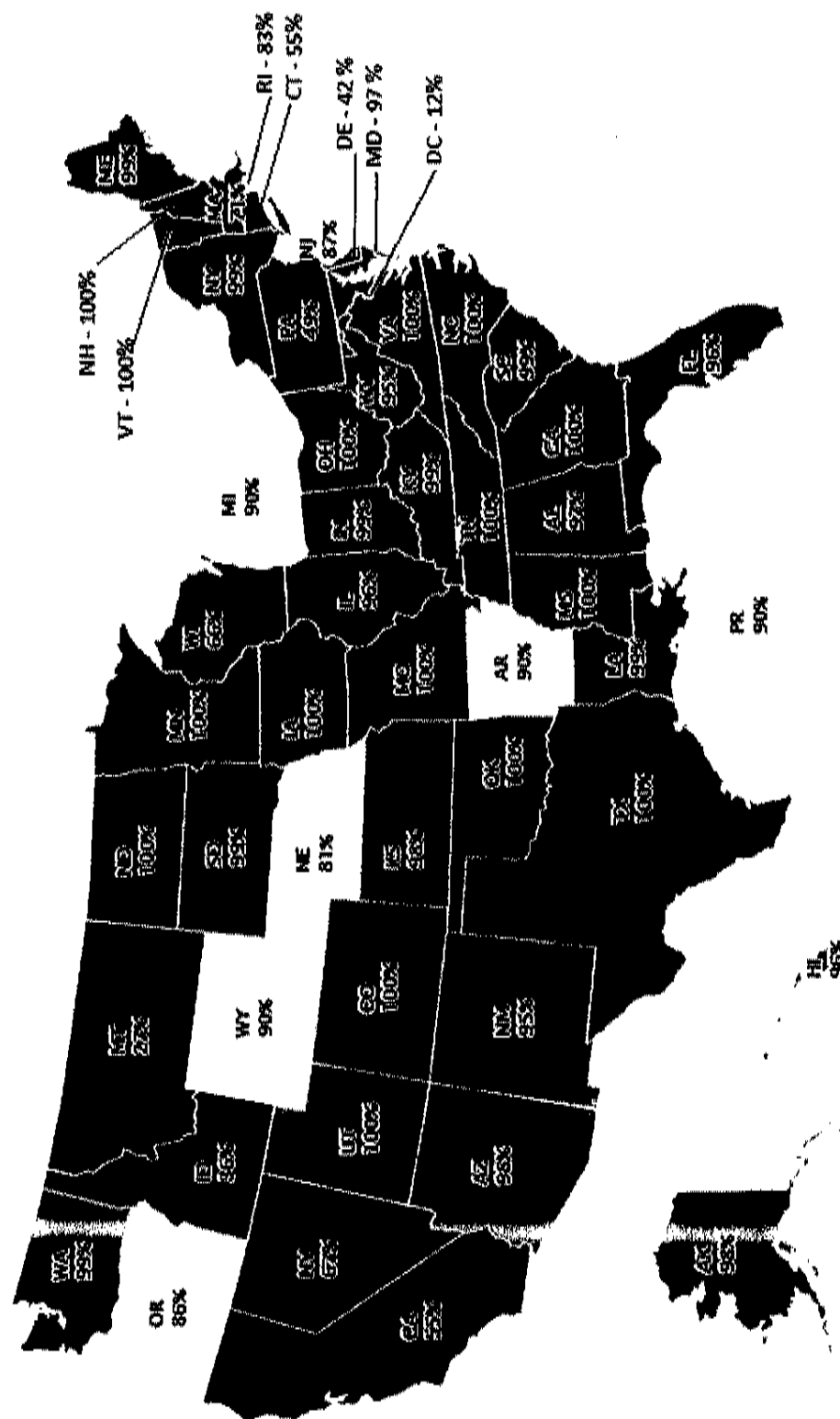
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Mark R. Rosekind, Ph.D.

Enclosures

2015 FARS Quality Measure 1 : Timeliness*

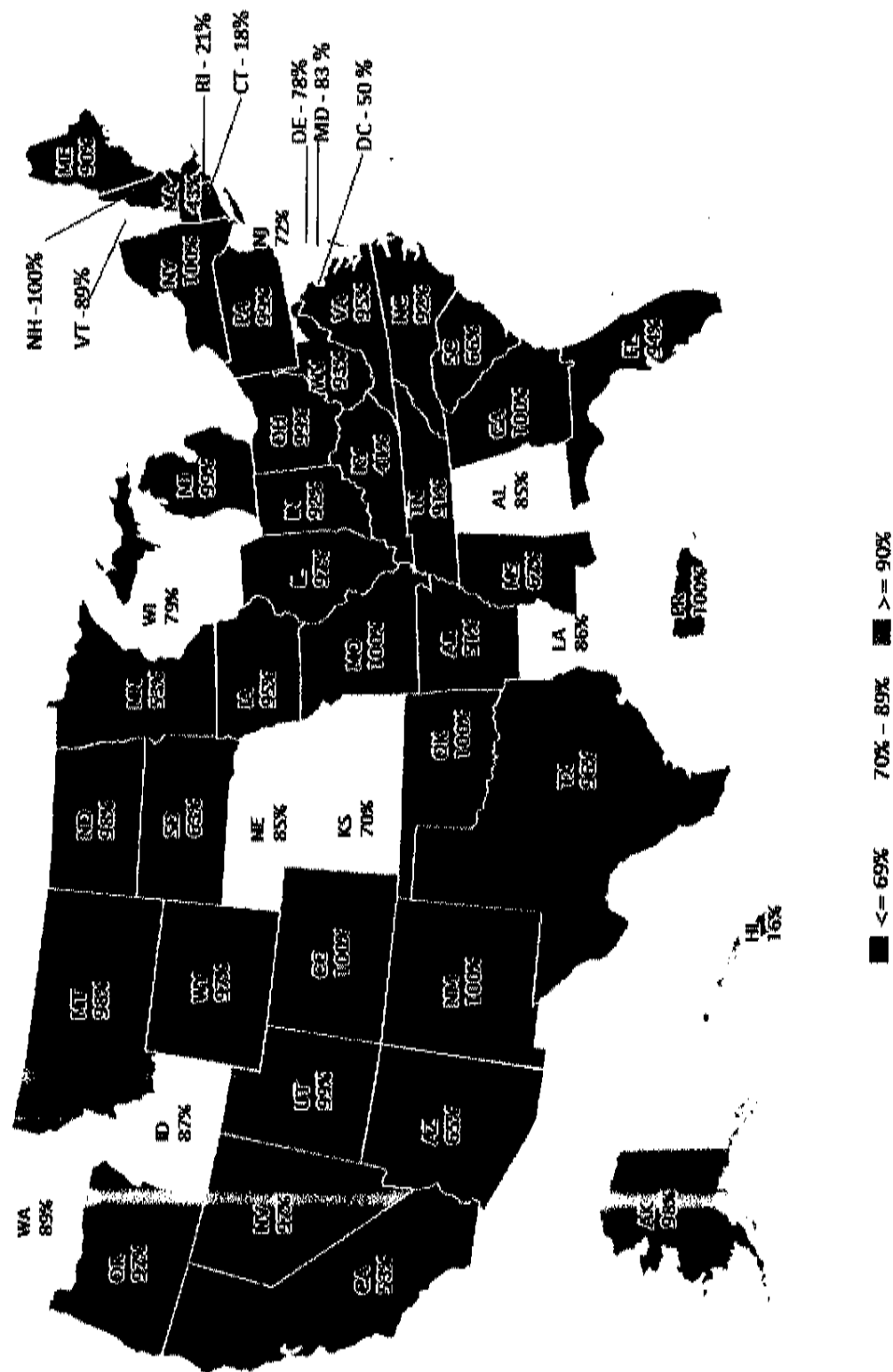
[As of December 24, 2015 for crashes that occurred January thru September, 2015]



*Percent of crashes entered into FARS data entry system divided by early notification crashes

2015 FARS Quality Measure 2 : Completeness*

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*Percent of crashes in FARS data entry system with Level 1, 2 and 3 quality divided by FARS crashes entered