**Safe Speed News Release**

**Template for Safety Stakeholders: Puerto Rico**

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[**State/Organization**] **Supports the U.S. Department of Transportation’s**

**Safe Speed Outreach Efforts**

*Maintaining safe speeds on Puerto Rico’s roadways can help prevent crashes and save lives*

**[City, State]** – [State/Organization] is joining efforts with the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to help reduce crashes involving large trucks and buses caused by speeding in Puerto Rico. [Organization] calls on all drivers on Puerto Rico’s roadways, particularly commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers, to maintain safe speeds—by driving within the speed limit, you’re allowing large vehicles the space to stop safely.

“Between 2018 and 2022, speeding was a factor in 33% of all fatal crashes involving CMVs in Puerto Rico,” said [spokesperson name and title]. “We’re facing a crisis on America’s roadways and need everyone’s support in making our roads safer. With the goal of zero deaths, it’s critical we join FMCSA’s efforts in reminding drivers about the importance of maintaining safe speeds on the road.”

According to the Puerto Rico Road Safety Observatory, “following too closely” was the leading factor in CMV-related crashes in Puerto Rico, responsible for 16.9% of all recorded incidents in 2023. **Speeding endangers everyone on our roads, while obeying speed limits can save lives.**

FMCSA and [state/organization] are committed to keeping the CMV community—and everyone—safe on Puerto Rico’s roads. Large trucks and buses take much longer to stop because of their weight and size, so it’s important CMV drivers maintain a safe speed for themselves and others on the road. To learn more about FMCSA’s Safe Speed campaign, visit the campaign [website](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/ourroads/cmv-safe-speed-campaign).

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