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**Federal Motor Carrier  
Safety Administration**

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The Honorable Roger Wicker  
Chairman  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to section 8109 of the “SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act” (P.L. 115-271), this letter report provides information on the implementation of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA) drug and alcohol clearinghouse (Clearinghouse). The Clearinghouse is defined and mandated at 49 U.S.C. 31306a, and it will contain information pertaining to violations of the Department’s controlled substances (drug) and alcohol testing program for holders of commercial driver’s licenses. Specifically, under section 8109, FMCSA was to provide an updated schedule, including benchmarks, for implementing the final rule as soon as practicable, but not later than the compliance date, and a description of each action FMCSA is taking to implement the final rule before the compliance date.

Below please find the current schedule for implementation of the clearinghouse by the January 2020 compliance date subject to continued Federal funding of the Department in Fiscal Year 2020.

<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
<u>System design</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine business requirements</li> <li>• Develop business process flows</li> <li>• Develop wireframes/Mock-ups</li> </ul>	May 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed</li> <li>• Completed</li> <li>• In process</li> </ul>
<u>Clearinghouse website launch</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design web pages</li> <li>• Develop web pages</li> <li>• Initial launch – Begin raising awareness to stakeholders</li> </ul>	March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed</li> <li>• Completed</li> <li>• Completed</li> </ul>

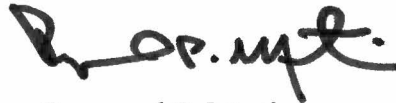
<u>Connectivity to internal and external systems</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify required systems</li> <li>• Establish web services between systems</li> </ul>	March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed</li> <li>• In process</li> </ul>
<u>Communication and outreach</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Release expanded website (Resource Library, educational materials, upcoming events)</li> <li>• Industry events (presentations, booths)</li> <li>• Webinars</li> </ul>	March 2019 – January 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not yet started</li> <li>• In process</li> <li>• In process</li> </ul>
<u>Integrated system testing</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous development sprint testing</li> <li>• Internal and external systems connectivity testing</li> <li>• Sprint regression testing</li> <li>• User acceptance testing</li> </ul>	August 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In process</li> <li>• Not yet started</li> <li>• Not yet started</li> <li>• Not yet started</li> </ul>
<u>User registration</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial public release of the Clearinghouse to allow users to create an account</li> </ul>	October 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not yet started</li> </ul>
<u>Full implementation</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearinghouse available to report violations and return-to-duty activity, and query current and prospective employees' driver records</li> </ul>	January 6, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not yet started</li> </ul>

The FMCSA launched a website specific to the clearinghouse in March 2019 to begin familiarizing motor carriers, commercial drivers, medical review officers, substance abuse professionals, and consortium/third-party administrators with the upcoming requirements. The Agency will provide information targeted to specific clearinghouse users with information about requirements and next steps. In addition, FMCSA will provide information about the clearinghouse through emails, tradeshow, news press releases, and other industry opportunities, beginning in January 2019 through system launch in 2020. System development has been scheduled to allow registration in October 2019 to enable stakeholders to sign up for the clearinghouse in advance of the compliance date.

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A similar letter has been sent to the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety; the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. P. Martinez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and a trailing flourish.

Raymond P. Martinez