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MESSAGE FROM ELIZABETH HANFORD DOLE, U. S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION,
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I am pleased to join with President Reagan in commending the efforts of all who have encouraged ridesharing and supported local programs promoting carpools and vanpools. The 19 million Americans who daily share-the-ride to work contribute significantly to the efficiency of our nation's streets and highways.

With your continued help, many more commuters can be added to the ridesharing rolls. I urge your further support of local ridesharing programs and highway-related incentives such as high occupancy vehicle lanes and preferential parking areas.

Federal Highway Administrator Ray Barnhart and I take this opportunity during National Transportation Week, May 15-21, 1983, to thank you for making ridesharing a part of your life and for encouraging others to adopt the carpool habit. As President Reagan has indicated in his recent message on this subject, a copy of which is attached, we will save money and reduce traffic congestion when we make ridesharing the commuters' way of life.

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RIDESHARING: AN IMPORTANT LINK IN
OUR NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

I am pleased to recognize ridesharing as an integral part of National Transportation Week.

Many Americans have risen to the challenge of higher energy costs and shortages by participating in car, van, and bus pools. In fact, more than 19 million of us now travel to and from our jobs in vehicles with 2 or more persons.

There are other benefits to ridesharing, including a reduction of noise pollution and congestion on our roadways and parking lots. Ridesharing commuters save time because many cities now have special lanes reserved for higher occupancy vehicles.

Ridesharing enables savings of from one to two-thirds of transportation costs, and studies have shown that participants in these programs are more punctual, have a better attitude, and are less likely to be absent from work.

Moreover, the labor force is enlarged in that citizens who live farther away from their jobs can now commute efficiently. Those living in the inner city are able to travel to and from their jobs more easily.

I congratulate the organizers and participants in this valuable program on their achievements and commend ridesharing as an important link in our national transportation system.

Ronald Reagan