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Mr. John Sullivan, PE  
Division Administrator  
FHWA NC Division

ATTN: Bradley Hibbs

Subject: Request for State Planning & Research (SPR) Waiver of Match for the proposed Pooled Fund Study: SOL1389 - *Roadway Departure Safety Information Clearinghouse*

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

The North Carolina Department of Transportation, acting as Lead Agency for this project, is requesting waiver of the 20% state match requirement for this proposed pooled fund project. This will allow states to use 100% SPR funds when contributing to the study.

We estimate that 17 states, contributing at \$15,000 per year for 3 years will be needed to reach the \$750,000+ funding goal of this project. The match waiver will facilitate funding.

The Roadway Departure Safety Information Clearing House will address the single largest cause of highway crash fatalities nationwide. Increased data and best practice availability, along with expert guidance for the latest in design and countermeasures will assist transportation engineers and professionals in addressing this critical safety issue.

A copy of the study's full problem statement is attached. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 919-508-1865 or [jmastin@ncdot.gov](mailto:jmastin@ncdot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Mastin".

Neil Mastin

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