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Introduction for the presidents of NASDPTS, NAPT, and NSTA for their address to the 14th NCST conference, Warrensburg, Missouri on May 16, 2005

Good Morning:

We are about to join together in a unique process – one that will challenge us and at the same time reward us – and while as individuals we will all take something away from this conference that benefits ourselves and our own organizations, collectively we will also leave something behind that benefits the object of our efforts – passenger safety.

Dr. LeMon shared some very astute and perceptive advice and principles with us last evening. His comments included the suggestion that we look not to espouse what our parochial position might be, but rather what our common interest may be.

The elected officers of the three organizations that represent many of you here today have begun to walk that very path. While Cal was not in the room several years ago when that journey began, the ideas he shared most certainly were.

As your elected presidents, Steve, Dale, and Pete have asked for this opportunity to share with you some brief comments at the start of your conference – witness to the fact that there is success to be had in working for consensus ...

Know that the following points are true:

- 1) Although we do have different positions, we also have common interests
- 2) Each of us can give up something in order for all of us to win
- 3) You can walk away from the table a winner, even if you do not get everything you want
- 4) Together, we are a most remarkable industry-with an incredible message for the nation. Together we are stronger, wiser, and more capable than each of us alone.

You will here three brief statements on separate issues, all of which are work products of the collective efforts of many. While we will not entertain discussion or questions following the statements, Dale, Steve, and Pete will be available at lunch today and throughout the week to have discussion with you, and to provide printed copies of these statements.