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Dear Mr. Taft.

This is in reply to a memorandum from your office dated March 31, 1970, forwarding a letter from Mr. Herbert B. Geltner concerning the amount of funds provided to the State of Ohio pursuant to section 402 and 403 of the Highway Safety Act of 1966 (23 U.S.C. 402 and 403). The purpose of the act was to provide for a coordinated national highway safety program through financial assistance to the States to accelerate highway traffic safety programs. The National Highway Safety Bureau, Department of Transportation, was established to carry out the provisions of the act.

Section 402 of the act requires each State to have a highway safety program approved by the Secretary of Transportation, which is designed to reduce traffic accidents, and the deaths, injuries, and property damage resulting therefrom. The programs are to be established in accordance with uniform standards promulgated by the Secretary of Transportation. Standards have been developed by the Secretary, through the National Highway Safety Bureau, in the following areas relating to highway safety.

1. Periodic motor vehicle inspection
2. Motor vehicle registration
3. Motorcycle safety
4. Driver education
5. Driver licensing
6. Codes and laws
7. Traffic courts
8. Alcohol in relation to highway safety
9. Identification and surveillance of accident locations
10. Traffic records
11. Emergency medical services
12. Highway design, construction, and maintenance
13. Traffic control devices
14. Pedestrian safety
15. Police traffic services
16. Debris hazard control and cleanup

To accomplish the objectives set forth in section 402 as they relate to these safety standards, funds are made available by the Congress through the Federal-aid highway appropriation authorization acts and are apportioned to the various States and to the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico

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on the basis of a formula prescribed by law. Federal funds are obligated subsequent to approval of the States' proposed safety projects by the National Highway Safety Bureau. These funds are paid to the States as reimbursements for costs incurred.

Approximately \$7.7 million has been apportioned to Ohio since this program began. Of this amount approximately \$7.3 million had been obligated, through March 31, 1970, as shown below

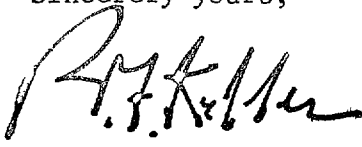
<u>Fiscal year</u>	<u>Amount apportioned (millions)</u>	<u>Amount obligated (millions)</u>
1967 and 1968	\$1.3	\$1.3
1969	3.3	3.3
1970	<u>3.1</u>	<u>2.7</u>
Totals	<u>\$7.7</u>	<u>\$7.3</u>

Pursuant to section 403 of the act, the National Highway Safety Bureau uses appropriated funds to carry out research and development related to highway safety. Contracts and grants are awarded to organizations having the capabilities needed to accomplish specific highway safety research requirements. As of March 31, 1970, the following organizations, based in Ohio, had ongoing research and development projects funded pursuant to section 403.

<u>Organizations</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Battelle Memorial Institute	\$ 59,455
Ohio State University Research Foundation	91,094
Ohio State University	<u>90,000</u>
	<u>\$240,549</u>

We trust that this information will serve your purposes.

Sincerely yours,


Assistant Comptroller General
of the United States

The Honorable Robert Taft, Jr.
House of Representatives