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IMMI's Charlie Vits Named to National Child Passenger Safety Board

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(Westfield, Indiana) – IMMI®, a global leader in the innovation, testing, and manufacturing of advanced safety systems, announced today that Charlie Vits, IMMI's Market Development Manager, has been named to the National Child Passenger Safety Board as an At-Large Representative for a three-year term from January 2017-2019.

"We are excited for Charlie to join the National CPS Board and lend his experience in school transportation for advancing the mission of saving lives and preventing injuries," said Amy Artuso, NCPSB secretariat and program manager at the National Safety Council.

Vits played a significant role in developing school bus seats with lap-shoulder belts as well as add-on, portable restraints for school buses. He has contributed to the writing of industry training materials such as the previous and current versions of the *Child Passenger Safety Restraint Systems on School Buses National Training* and the *Safe Ride News School Bus Safety Handbook*. In 2010, the Automotive Safety Program at Riley Hospital awarded Vits the 14th annual Child Safety Advocate Award for his work with passenger safety on school buses.

"The responsibility for these products drew me into a new passion for child passenger safety. My involvement in the application of child passenger safety in school transportation has been especially rewarding because of the great need within the industry for proper understanding and training," said Vits. "Most important," he added, "I can reflect on the fact that the work I have been involved in has made a difference in the protection of many of our youngest traveling students."

About the National Child Passenger Safety Board

The National Child Passenger Safety Board, managed by the National Safety Council, seeks to maintain the quality and integrity of the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program. The program is used to train and certify child passenger safety technicians and instructors. For more information about child passenger safety or the National CPS Board, please visit the Board's website at www.cpsboard.org.

About IMMI

IMMI®, based in Westfield, Ind., is the leader in the design, testing and manufacturing of advanced safety systems. IMMI produces hundreds of innovative products for various industries, including the school bus, commercial vehicle, fire/ambulance, child seating, military, off-road, UTV, outdoor, and motor coach industries. IMMI is also home to CAPE®, the Center for Advanced Product Evaluation, an award-winning crash test facility. Privately owned and operating facilities in North America, Asia and Europe, IMMI is dedicated to Bringing Safety to People® around the world.