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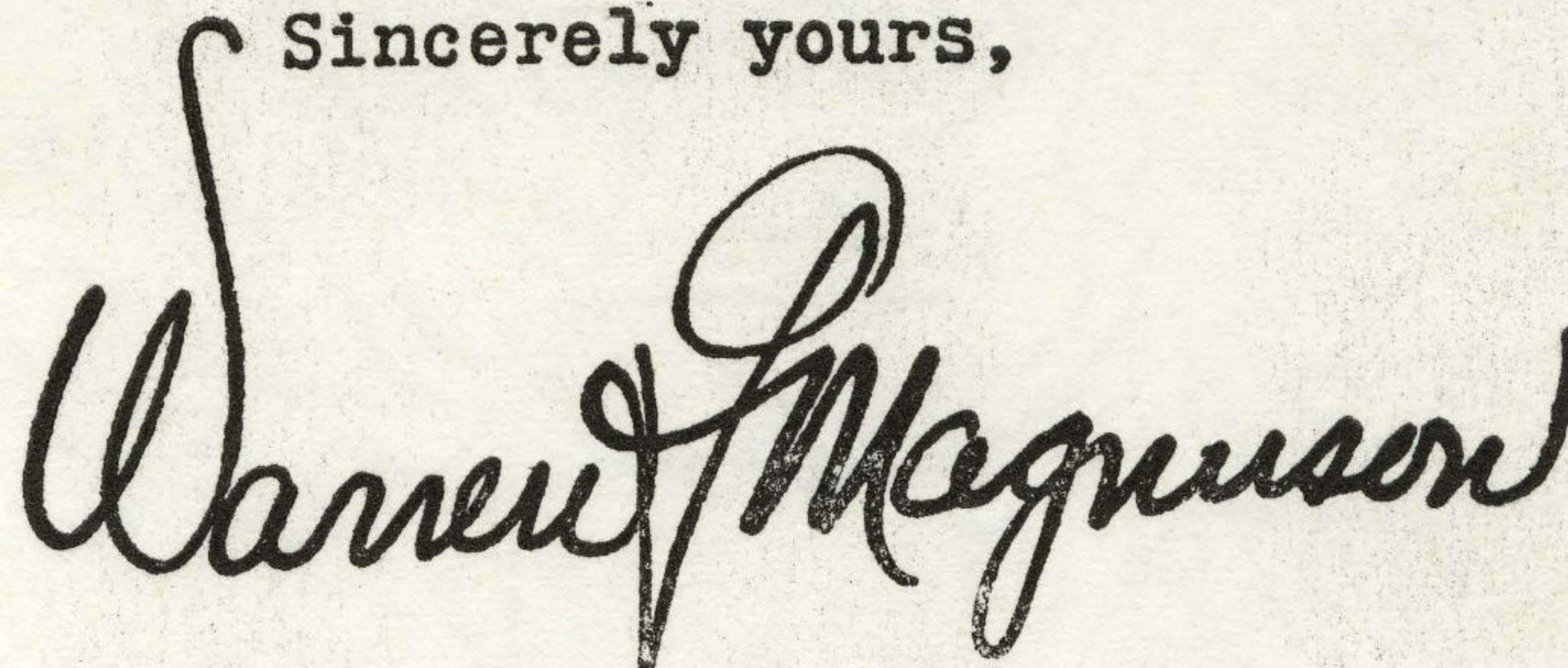
Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of S. 3005,
introduced by me, at the request of Commerce Department,
which has been referred to this committee for consideration.

The committee will be pleased to receive any
comments you may care to offer concerning this proposed
legislation.

Kindly submit thirty copies of your reply.

Sincerely yours,



WARREN G. MAGNUSON
Chairman

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Enclosure

Hon. John W. Bush
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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



Washington, D.C. 20405

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Honorable Warren G. Magnuson
Chairman, Committee on Commerce
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your letter of March 3, 1966, requested any comments that the General Services Administration may care to offer concerning S. 3005, 89th Congress, a bill "To provide for a coordinated national safety program and establishment of safety standards for motor vehicles in interstate commerce to reduce traffic accidents and the deaths, injuries, and property damage which occur in such accidents. "

The bill would provide for a national program of highway safety, including intensification of research into the causes of highway accidents, improvement of minimum safety standards for the highway, vehicle, and driver, and for assistance and encouragement to the States to develop programs for improvement of highway safety.

As operator of one of the largest vehicular fleets in the United States, GSA is vitally concerned about highway safety. In addition, GSA has the responsibility, pursuant to Public Law 88-515 and sections 206(a)(4) and 211(a)(5) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (40 U. S. C. 487(a)(4), 491(a)(5)), for prescribing standards for vehicles purchased by the Government. Pursuant to our authority, we have issued Federal Standard No. 515, which was published in the Federal Register on June 30, 1965 (30 F. R. 8319). GSA intends to revise this standard from year to year as the science of automotive safety advances.

We believe that a national program of highway safety such as that provided for in S. 3005 would substantially reduce the current toll

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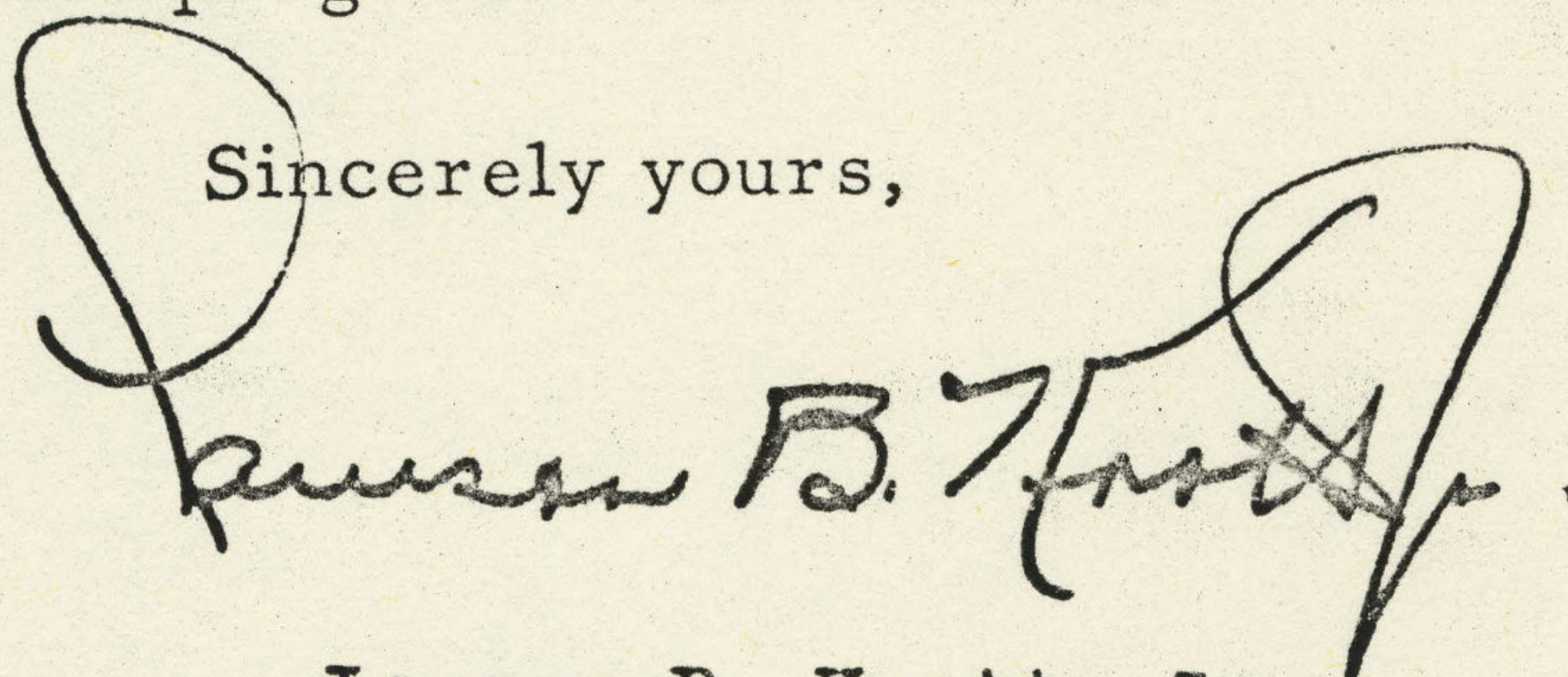
in highway deaths and injuries. The General Services Administration, therefore, favors its early enactment.

If S. 3005 is enacted, GSA would be happy to share its experience in the field of automotive safety with the appropriate Federal authority, to assist in the development of safety standards under Title II of the bill, and to coordinate them with existing GSA standards.

The financial effects of this measure cannot be estimated.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this report to your Committee and that the enactment of S. 3005 would be in accord with the program of the President.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lawson B. Knott, Jr.", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and includes a large initial 'L'.

Lawson B. Knott, Jr.
Administrator