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Joyce Rose’s Statement: “Operation Lifesaver USA, whose mission is to end collisions, deaths and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings and along railroad rights of way, is proud to observe the seventh annual International Level Crossing Awareness Day. More than 40 countries worldwide are joining forces to raise awareness of the important issue of safety at crossings. Operation Lifesaver programs and partners are holding events across the nation in conjunction with ILCAD, as we release our new “See Tracks? Think Train!” campaign video public service announcement on crossing safety.

Operation Lifesaver applauds this year’s focus on bicycle and pedestrian safety at crossings. Our safety tips and materials specifically created for bicyclists (http://oli.org/education-resources/safety-tips/bicycle-safety-tips) and pedestrians (http://oli.org/education-resources/pedestrian-safety) are available to help make every railroad crossing a safe one.

In the USA, vehicle-train collisions and deaths at railroad crossings rose in 2014, as did pedestrian-rail trespass deaths. We are gratified that more countries around the world are joining in the ILCAD celebration each year. This sustained international safety effort is more important than ever, as freight, passenger and light rail systems face continued growth worldwide.”