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The Honorable Derek Barrs

Administrator
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Barrs:

On behalf of the Trucking Association Executive Council (TAEAC), we are pleased to present our comprehensive policy report and action plan, *The Fight for Fairness and Safety: Paving the Way for a Trucking Resurgence*. We are excited about the ongoing dialogue surrounding this report and deeply appreciate your willingness to continue engaging with our federation on these critical issues facing America's trucking industry.

This report represents more than a list of problems – it establishes a roadmap for a trucking resurgence by systematically rooting out the bad actors who exploit regulatory gaps, undermine safety, endanger the public, and create unfair competitive disadvantages for the thousands of legitimate carriers and millions of professional drivers who play by the rules. These reforms will strengthen the industry's integrity, enhance highway safety, revamp driver morale, and enhance the public's perception of the trucking industry.

The TAEAC task force that developed these recommendations brings extraordinary depth of experience to this work. Our state trucking association members collectively represent more than 521 years of individual experience serving the trucking industry. Combined, our organizations have existed for 4,825 years, with the average state trucking association having served the industry for 87 years. We are not newcomers to transportation policy – we are seasoned professionals who have worked through multiple regulatory eras, economic cycles, and technological innovations. We know that when the industry comes together around a common mission, anything is possible. As you can see from the breadth of support for this plan, we are doing just that.

Our report addresses **seven** critical vulnerabilities:

1. **CDL Integrity** – Closing loopholes in commercial driver licensing
2. **MCMIS Overhaul** – Fixing America's broken trucking safety data system
3. **Cross-Border Integrity** – Assuring workforce integrity at our borders
4. **Non-Domiciled CDL Reform** – Strengthening oversight and enforcement
5. **English Language Proficiency** – Closing critical CDL safety gaps

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6. **Combating Trucking Fraud** – Addressing broker and carrier fraud schemes

7. **Electronic Log Integrity** – Ending ELD manipulation and hours-of-service fraud

Each section provides specific, actionable recommendations that leverage technology and existing data to identify and eliminate fraud without creating new burdens for compliant operators. We believe these reforms align closely with FMCSA’s mission to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving large trucks and buses.

We recognize that you have inherited significant challenges, but tremendous opportunities exist to strengthen highway safety, motor carrier integrity, and level the competitive playing field. The recent enforcement of English language proficiency requirements and crackdown on non-domiciled CDLs demonstrates what can be accomplished when decisive action is taken. We are grateful to the White House, USDOT, and FMCSA for this progress, and we see continued potential across all seven areas addressed in our report.

Our coalition stands ready to partner with you and your team in implementing these reforms. We offer not just our policy expertise, but also our state-level networks, our relationships with law enforcement and state agencies, and our direct connections to the carriers and drivers who will benefit from a fairer and safer industry. We are committed to being constructive partners in this effort.

We would welcome continued engagement with you and your senior team on these recommendations and look forward to discussing how TAEAC can support FMCSA’s implementation efforts. Our task force members are available to provide technical expertise, real-world examples from their states, and ongoing collaboration as these initiatives move forward.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to safety. We look forward to continuing our dialogue and working together to restore integrity and fairness to America’s trucking industry.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure: [*The Fight for Fairness and Safety: Paving the Way for a Trucking Resurgence*](#)