

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 31, 2019

The Honorable Raymond Martinez
Administrator
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Martinez:

We write to express our support for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that would provide much needed flexibility to existing hours-of-service (HOS) requirements for commercial motor vehicle drivers. The agency's proposed changes appropriately reflect the concerns commonly expressed to us by stakeholders throughout the trucking industry. Not only would the reforms put forward by FMCSA provide truckers the flexibility they need, they would improve safety on our nation's roadways.

Current HOS regulations fail to account for the enormously diverse range of operations within the industry and instead apply a one-size-fits-all framework that limits drivers' ability to operate safely. This NPRM modifies regulations that have failed to improve road safety and provides drivers the flexibility to help them complete their work safely and efficiently. With this NPRM, FMCSA has recognized that drivers are professionals capable of making the best decisions about when it is safe for them to drive and when it is best for them to rest, and when to avoid congestion or refrain from driving in adverse conditions.

Given the potential safety benefits of implementing this NPRM, we urge you to finalize the rule as quickly as possible. Today's HOS requirements simply aren't working. Since their implementation, crash rates have regrettably increased. We agree with the agency's approach to reforming HOS, which features improvements recommended by America's most experienced professional drivers.

We appreciate your work on this important issue and look forward to working with you to develop safety regulations that improve highway safety for all users.

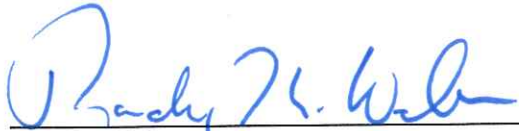
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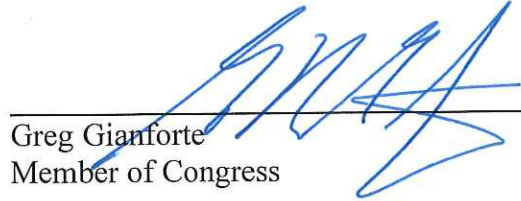
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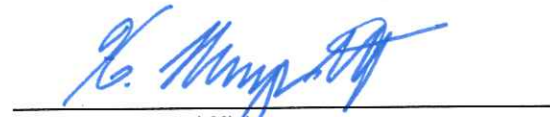
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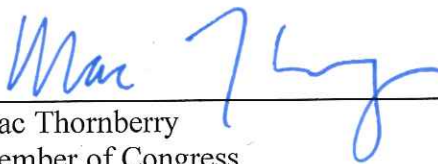
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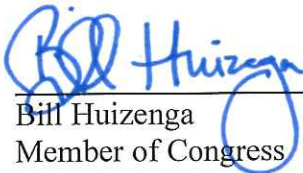
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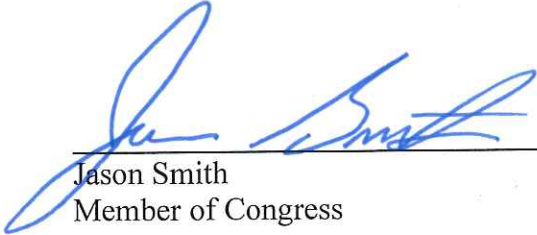
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