



Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association

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The Honorable Gary Herbert
Governor
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Governor Herbert;

The Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA), represents over 160,000 professional drivers and small-business truckers, who have been on the front lines of COVID-19 response and recovery efforts – delivering critical supplies to communities across the country, including Utah. Many of our members have sacrificed their own wellbeing to keep our country and your state healthy, safe and productive.

We are very concerned by your decision to issue an Executive Order requiring all individuals who enter the Utah to complete a travel declaration form. We appreciate your efforts to protect Utahans from this dangerous virus, but imposing this extraordinary requirement on commercial motor vehicle drivers is not only a major intrusion of their personal privacy, but will hamper their ability to quickly and efficiently deliver emergency supplies to your state and many others.

We are also deeply concerned by the lack clarity about how the information contained in a travel declaration form will be used and what steps are being taken to ensure its security. In fact, we believe these factors will ultimately discourage truckers from entering Utah entirely, which will affect your state's ability to continue receiving critical freight, including medical supplies, food and other vital materials. It will also likely limit local producers' ability to ship freight to other areas of the country at a time when many are struggling to stay in business.

We respectfully ask that you consider the impact this Executive Order will have on the movement of critical freight into and out of Utah, and provide an exemption for the drivers of commercial motor vehicles. Unlike the traveling public, truckers have been deemed essential because they play a crucial role in the supply chain. Many truckers are delivering the supplies your constituents desperately need or are simply crossing Utah to complete important deliveries in our regions of the country. These drivers should be exempted from the Executive Order immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Spencer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end.

Todd Spencer
President & CEO
Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association

cc: Members of the Utah Congressional Delegation