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To Whom It May Concern:

The Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA) represents small-business truckers and professional drivers. While we realize virtually every industry is struggling to deal with COVID-19, we are seeking your help to make things a little easier and safer for our nation's truck drivers.

We are currently receiving several hundred calls daily from drivers who are unable to buy essential supplies to protect themselves from COVID-19. Basic items like paper towels, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes are nearly impossible to find right now. The irony is that truckers are hauling these supplies but they are unable to actually buy them.

We are asking your respective companies to make these essential items available to truck drivers for purchase or through donations. These supplies are the only protections truckers have to defend themselves from COVID-19. It would also be nice if truckers were able to use your rest room facilities when they are delivering freight to your warehouses or retail business locations.

Truckers are on the front lines of the supply chain. If they get sick, the supply chain will be disrupted more than it already is, which is precisely why it is important to support them as much as reasonably possible.

We appreciate your consideration of the issues raised in our letter. Please contact me directly at (816) 229-5791 or [lewie\\_pugh@ooida.com](mailto:lewie_pugh@ooida.com) should you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Lewis Pugh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lewie Pugh  
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