



February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Sue Lawless  
Acting Deputy Administrator  
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20003

**Re: Docket # FMCSA-2024-0061, “Request for Information Concerning the Study of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment in the Commercial Motor Vehicle Industry”**

Dear Acting Deputy Administrator Lawless:

The Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA) is the largest trade association representing the views of small-business truckers and professional truck drivers. OOIDA has approximately 150,000 members located in all fifty states and Canada who collectively own and operate more than 240,000 individual heavy-duty trucks. OOIDA is proud to represent thousands of female drivers as members, but there is no question that women are underrepresented in today’s trucking workforce.

The Women In Trucking (WIT) Association is a trade association focused on the transportation and logistics industry. WIT’s mission is to encourage the employment of women in the trucking industry, promote their accomplishments and minimize obstacles faced by women working in the trucking industry.

We request the public comment period be extended for 30 days in order to provide the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) more comprehensive feedback from drivers, industry stakeholders, and other organizations who may have recommendations and insights about how this sexual assault and sexual harassment (SASH) study can best be organized and conducted. Extending the comment period would also give the agency an opportunity to hear from drivers during the widely attended Mid-America Trucking Show being held March 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> in Louisville, Kentucky. Both OOIDA and WIT will be on hand meeting with drivers during the truck show.

As of February 28<sup>th</sup>, only 8 public comments have been submitted to the docket. We believe the importance of understanding and quantifying the prevalence and severity of SASH across the trucking industry merits further time for recommendations on how the agency should proceed.

We also encourage FMCSA, along with other industry stakeholders, to communicate information about the planned study and how drivers can participate in the process.

Thank You,



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