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Deputy Administrator Cathy F. Gautreaux
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Deputy Administrator Gautreaux:

I write in support of the application submitted by the Small Business in Transportation Coalition (SBTC) to exempt motor carriers with fifty or fewer employees from the requirements of the electronic logging device (ELD) mandate. Such an exemption will eliminate costly and regulations for the small trucking companies and individual owner-operators who constitute much of the rural trucking industry.

In the past, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has demonstrated its willingness to grant similar exemptions related to the ELD mandate. Moreover, SBTC's application is consistent with President Trump's stated goal to reduce federal regulations on small businesses.

I encourage FMCSA to approve SBTC's application to help ensure that small carriers can continue to sustain economic growth in my district and across rural America.

Sincerely,



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