



March 6, 2019

Via Fax & Certified Mail, R.R.R.

United States Department of Justice
Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest
Washington, DC 20530

Re: Request for 'Pattern and Practices' Investigation of New Hampshire State Police's reckless practice of forcing truck drivers to climb up on top of their trucks to remove snow.

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Small Business in Transportation Coalition ("SBTC"), is a national, not-for-profit trucking industry trade group ("business league") incorporated under the laws of the state of Florida, in accordance with IRC 501(C)(6). SBTC is a network of 15,000 transportation professionals, associations, and industry suppliers that is on the front lines when it comes to issues that affect transportation professionals in small business. We seek to promote and protect the interests of small businesses in the transportation industry. We support teamwork, unity, cooperation, transparency, and partnerships among truckers, carriers, brokers, forwarders, and shippers and seek to promote ethical business practices and do business lawfully, with the utmost integrity.

It has come to our attention today, that the New Hampshire State Police through its Twitter account is boasting about its practice of making truck drivers, who range in age from 21 to well into their 70s climb on top of their trucks to remove snow, which essentially is an Act of God. We offer the attached "Tweet." This is a reckless practice that endangers the lives of truckers and jeopardizes their personal safety. A fall from the top of a commercial motor vehicle trailer could result in serious personal injury or death, especially when the surface of the roof of the vehicle is laden with snow and ice.

It is our position that any law which requires the operator of a commercial motor vehicle to endanger himself in order to comply more than the operator of private passenger vehicles is unconstitutional and may not be lawfully enforced as it denies him Equal Protection of the Law under the 14th Amendment.

No state law enforcement should be permitted to recklessly endanger American citizens under color of law. The SBTC therefore requests an immediate Federal investigation into this matter. We request that you immediately act to terminate this unlawful practice by the New Hampshire State Police before someone is seriously hurt or killed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/James Lamb
SBTC President