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The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski
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Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard C. Shelby
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Patricia L. Murray
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
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The Honorable Susan M. Collins
Ranking Member
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Dear Madam Chairmen, Senator Shelby and Senator Collins,

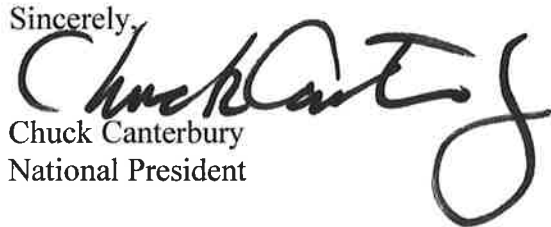
I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for the effort to temporarily delay two recently implemented provisions within the hours-of-service (HOS) regulations governing truck drivers until a comprehensive study of the public safety impact of these new regulations is conducted.

In our view, this only makes sense from a public safety perspective. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) did not adequately research the public and highway safety implications of the new HOS regulations which require that the restart rule include two consecutive overnight periods from 1:00am to 5:00am. The new rule would necessarily push these heavy trucks into the peak hours of roadway use, interfering with everyday commuters, children going to school and morning traffic volume. In recent testimony, the FMCSA Administrator admitted that the proposal did not consider the impact this new congestion would have on public safety or existing congestion issues. Without this information, we believe it is irresponsible and potentially unsafe to implement the new HOS regulations.

It is important that we keep the facts clear as the Senate considers this issue. We support a temporary delay to recently adopted regulations, not nullification of the restart rule as a whole. Further, there have been attempts to link the recent crash in New Jersey involving a famous television personality with the new HOS regulations. Nothing in current or pending regulations contributed to this tragic event, as the alleged actions of the driver were unlawful under both regulatory schemes.

The FOP's objective in this matter is to ensure the greatest possible safety of all those traveling our roadways. We should not proceed with changes to the current safety regulations without knowing the impact that these trucks will have on our roads. For this reason, the more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police support your efforts to delay implementation of the new HOS regulations until their impact on public safety as been comprehensively assessed. If I can be of any additional assistance on this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco at my Washington, D.C. office.

Sincerely,

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

Chuck Canterbury
National President