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Dear Freedom Caucus Member:

On behalf of the more than 160,000 members of the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA), thank you for including the electronic logging device (ELD) mandate (#158) and speed limiter proposed rule (#159) on your comprehensive list of federal regulations that should be repealed under the administration of President-elect Donald Trump. We applaud the Freedom Caucus for compiling this list and working to provide much-needed regulatory relief to vital industries like ours. Professional drivers across the country are eager to work with you to repeal these excessive regulations, which threaten the existence of countless small trucking businesses.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) ELD mandate and speed limiter proposed rule are extremely costly and burdensome for small business truckers, who comprise 90% of the trucking industry. The ELD mandate alone is estimated to cost our industry \$2 billion, making it one of the most expensive regulations proposed by any federal department or agency during the Obama Administration. FMCSA's proposed rule for the installation of speed limiters for heavy vehicles, which actually diminishes highway safety and infringes on states' rights to set speed limits, will cost an additional \$524 million. The installation and utilization of these technologies has long been a business decision and should remain voluntary, not forced upon the entire industry through a heavy-handed government mandate. If fully-implemented, these rules, along with the avalanche of other trucking regulations advanced during the Obama Administration, will drive many owner-operators out of business.

Again, thank you for including the ELD mandate and speed limiter proposed rule on your list of federal regulations that should be repealed under the incoming Trump Administration. For too long, Washington has stood in the way of small business growth by steadily increasing their regulatory costs and burdens. OOIDA believes Congress has a unique opportunity in 2017 to support enterprises like ours by working with the White House to develop a rational regulatory climate that enables and encourages growth. We look forward to working with you and other members of the Freedom Caucus on eliminating excessive federal regulations.

Sincerely,

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