



Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance

Improving commercial motor vehicle safety and enforcement

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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
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Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

On behalf of the members of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), thank you for introducing the Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America's 250th Act (BUILD America 250 Act). CVSA is a nonprofit organization comprised of local, state, provincial, territorial and federal commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety officials and industry representatives. The Alliance aims to prevent commercial motor vehicle crashes, injuries and fatalities and believes collaboration between government and industry improves road safety and saves lives. Our mission is to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and enforcement by providing guidance, education and advocacy for enforcement and industry across North America.

CVSA's membership is focused on improving roadway safety and saving lives by ensuring the commercial motor vehicles on our roadways are well maintained, drivers are qualified and motor carriers are in compliance with all applicable safety regulations. The BUILD America 250 Act lays the foundation for significant improvement in CMV safety. The bill provides critical funding for commercial motor vehicle safety programs in jurisdictions across the country through the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program and discretionary grant programs. In addition, the legislation includes several key improvements to the Enforcement Training and Support Grant, which provides critical certification training to our nation's commercial motor vehicle inspectors, investigators and safety auditors. The bill also streamlines and consolidates hazardous materials training for inspectors, first responders and industry, which will result in more, higher-quality training for these critical safety roles. The BUILD America 250 Act also includes language making Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands eligible for the Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation Grant, which will enable access to critical grant funding to help improve their commercial driver's license programs, improving roadway safety.

In addition, the bill includes provisions requiring the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to evaluate the New Entrant Safety Assurance Program and establish minimum knowledge requirements for new motor carriers, which will help ensure motor carriers operating in commerce understand the rules they are obligated to follow and are capable of meeting safety expectations. The BUILD America 250 Act also strengthens the terms and conditions associated with exemptions issued by FMCSA and requires drivers operating under an exemption to

produce proof of that exemption when inspected, which will improve consistency and accuracy in enforcement. The bill also improves the current electronic logging device (ELD) certification process. Finally, the bill establishes a framework for commercial motor vehicles equipped with autonomous driving systems (ADS) operating in interstate commerce.

While, overall, CVSA supports the BUILD America 250 Act, the Alliance is concerned about some provisions that would erode safety on the nation's roadways if included. Specifically, CVSA does not support section 5105, which exempts covered livestock-hauling vehicles and their operators from ELD requirements and federal hours-of-service (HOS) requirements within a 150 air-mile radius from the final destination of the livestock. CVSA has long opposed exemptions from federal safety regulations in legislation; in particular, exemptions from ELD and HOS requirements. The nature of the product being transported does not negate the impacts of driver fatigue that the HOS and ELD rules are intended to help manage. We would welcome the opportunity to continue to work with you and your staff on these provisions as the bill moves through the legislative process.

It is clear the BUILD America 250 Act does much to improve safety, providing states with the resources and tools they need to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and compliance, strengthening requirements pertaining to exemptions from the regulations, ensuring motor carriers are well prepared to enter the industry, and supporting innovation through provisions like the framework for operation of ADS-equipped CMVs. The Alliance supports the BUILD America 250 Act and we look forward to working with you, the Committee and the House of Representatives to advance this critical piece of legislation. Thank you again for your leadership on this issue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Collin B. Mooney'.

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