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The Honorable Sam Graves Chairman Transportation & Infrastructure Committee 2165 Rayburn House Office Building

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
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2163 Rayburn House Office Building

Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

I would like to thank you for your consideration of H.R. 3013, the Licensing Individual Commercial Exam-takers Now Safely and Efficiently (LICENSE) Act, in today's House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee markup. As you know, I introduced the LICENSE Act on April 28, 2023, along with my colleagues, Representatives Henry Cuellar, Troy Balderson, Jim Costa, Dusty Johnson, and Josh Harder.

This commonsense bill would streamline burdensome licensing regulations by making permanent several waivers that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Reducing unnecessary red tape currently preventing more truck drivers from joining the trucking workforce is a critical step as we continue to face unprecedented supply chain challenges.

The first provision of this legislation would allow state and third-party examiners who have maintained a valid commercial driver's license (CDL) test examiner certification and have previously completed a CDL skills test examiner training course to administer the CDL knowledge test without completing a CDL knowledge test training course. The continued availability of CDL knowledge testing will help maintain an adequate and sustained supply of trained truck drivers.

The second provision would allow states to administer driving skills tests to applicants from other states. This will streamline the credentialing process and allow future truck drivers to be tested where they live, rather than solely based on where they received training.

I trust that the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will recognize the value of this bipartisan legislation and favorably report the bill so that it may be considered promptly by the full House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

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