



March 24, 2020

Mr. Collin B. Mooney, MPA, CAE
Executive Director
Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance
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Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

Dear Mr. Mooney:

On behalf of the more than 1,800 members of the Transportation Intermediaries Association (TIA) and 160,000 members of the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA), we are writing to ask you to postpone the International Road Check Program currently scheduled for May 5-7, 2020. This event will have a negative effect on our nation's highway and therefore our nation's supply chain during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you know, trucking companies and drivers are working overtime right now to ensure that food, medical supplies and other emergency products needed to combat the COVID-19 crisis get to their end destination as efficiently and safely as possible. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) recognized this and relaxed the hours-of-service requirements. We need these drivers to continue to operate on our nation's highways without the threat of being stopped during the mandatory road check.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and hopefully find a better option to improve this program and increase safety without crippling motor carriers during our time of need, a goal shared by everyone.


TIA represents over 1,800 third party logistics member companies. Over 70 percent of which are small, family owned companies. TIA is the only organization representing transportation intermediaries to shippers, carriers, government officials and international organizations and is the U.S. member of the International Federation of Freight Forwarder Association (FIATA).

OOIDA represents 160,000 owner-operators and professional drivers. Small trucking businesses like those we represent account for 96% of registered motor carriers in the U.S., and many continue to operate during the current pandemic. Our members are the safest and most diverse operators on our nation's roads. Their activities impact all sectors of the American economy on a daily basis, especially during a national emergency. They are currently moving many of the supplies that keep our hospitals prepared, manufacturers supplied, and grocery stores stocked.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Chris Burroughs in black ink.

Chris Burroughs
Vice President of Government Affairs
TIA

Handwritten signature of Lewie Pugh in black ink.

Lewie Pugh
Executive Vice President
OOIDA