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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 E. Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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As a member of a small family landscaping business, I am very concerned regarding the proposed changes to the Motor Carrier rules in Ohio. By changing the definition of a motor carrier, the PUCO has included small pick-ups with trailers. This now means that our company is going from one vehicle to all of our vehicles being included in the Motor Carrier rules.

While we are very concerned with the safety both of our employees and other motorists, we feel that the regulations are overly burdensome, especially all of the paperwork that will be required. Most small businesses are already struggling in this economy, and these bureaucratic requirements will create additional burdens and are not likely to improve safety.

Additionally, most businesses in our industry have either just been made aware of, or are still unaware, of these changes. It will be incredibly difficult for us to ensure that we are in compliance by January 1, 2011.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amanda Buck Rhoades  
Buck & Sons Landscape Service, Inc.

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