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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)
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Columbus, OH 43215

RE: **PUCO CASE NUMBER: 09-0223-TR-ORD**
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Dear Commissioners:

The Transportation Advocacy Group of Northwest Ohio (TAGNO) is a coalition of businesses dedicated to improving the transportation system in the northwest corner of the state of Ohio. The organization strives to promote improvement of business conditions for the transportation industry in the region.

On behalf of the TAGNO members we support the PUCO staff recommendations and the PUCO's proposed deletion of Sections (E) and (F) in Rule 4901:2-5-02, which addresses special hours of service for carriers engaged in the intrastate transportation of construction materials and equipment.

We believe there is no basis to eliminate the construction exemption to these rules given the nature of transporting construction materials and equipment.

TAGNO members already implement stringent safety standards amongst employees transporting construction materials and equipment.

The number of loads driven per day and the average driving time per day in transporting construction materials and equipment do not justify elimination of the construction exemption.

In addition, there is no evidence of any increased accident rates to justify elimination of the construction exemption.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues and please contact me if you require any further information.

Respectfully,

Tom Kovacic
Executive Director

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