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**State Representative Todd A. Snitchler**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Ohio House District**

November 23, 2010

Jade Davis  
PUCO, Legislative Liaison  
180 E. Broad St.  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Jade,

Thank you to you and your colleagues for speaking with me regarding concerns some of my constituents and I have pertaining to the PUCO's newly adopted motor carrier intrastate regulations.

Per our conversation, please confirm the exact cut-off date for the comment period on the motor carrier intrastate regulations. During our conversation you indicated that the PUCO was going to extend the comment period and I would like to be able to give my constituents a concrete date as I have several that would like to provide their input.

From my view, these new regulations, once in place, will have dramatic unintended consequences that will adversely affect commerce in this state at a time when we can least afford it. For example, trucks that were not previously subject to such regulations, such as tool trucks, bakery trucks, laundry trucks, and horse transports to name a few, will be forced to comply with rules that do not appear to specifically apply to them. From what I have been able to gather their vehicles are not the source of the problem. If there is a way to amend the regulations so that they would be more narrowly focused and not capture the aforementioned examples, I believe that many of the unintended and potentially harmful consequences can be avoided.

Furthermore, as an alternative solution, I believe that the PUCO should consider utilizing the weight file of a specific truck at the time of registration as many of the trucks that would fall under the scope of the new regulations never reach the 10,000 pound threshold. And, the vehicle weight is already known to the state as part of the vehicle registration.

It is paramount that we address the safety issues that arise regarding the general public and the owners and operators of the trucks in question. While we are mindful of these safety concerns as they relate to the new rules, it is not a good policy decision, especially in such trying economic times, to institute these regulations solely for the purpose of retaining federal dollars. As such, I urge the PUCO to reconsider these rules as it seems they will cause significant economic harm if enforced as currently drafted.

Thank you again for your time and please do not hesitate to contact me at 614-466-9078, or at [District50@ohr.state.oh.us](mailto:District50@ohr.state.oh.us) if you have any questions regarding this letter or its content.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Todd A. Snitchler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Todd" being the most prominent.

Todd A. Snitchler  
State Representative  
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