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The Ohio House
77 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear House Transportation and Public Safety Committee:

The Ohio Trucking Association represents over 800 trucking companies and allied vendor members. I am writing to you today to show my support of authorizing the issuance of an enhanced driver's license, enhanced commercial driver's license, and enhanced identification card, which will facilitate land and sea border crossings between the United States and Canada and Mexico, pursuant to an agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Every day, thousands of truck drivers cross the Canadian and Mexican borders during their workday. This transaction requires drivers to submit to the same documents as others, including a passport or passport card. This legislation would reduce the number of identifications required, which would streamline the process of crossing the border.

Currently, truck drivers are required to carry multiple identification cards to effectively perform their jobs including: a Commercial Driver's License (CDL); a medical certification card; a passport or passport card; a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC); and a Free and Secure Trade Credential (FAST). Additionally, drivers of hazardous materials are finger printed and background checked. The industry has always complied with these regulations, but have always advocated for an approach that is not so cumbersome.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom B". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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