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The Honorable Nathan Manning  
Chairman, Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee  
1 Capital Square  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Chairman Manning,

On behalf of the Ohio Propane Gas Association, I write to express our support for House Concurrent Resolution 8, requesting Congress to urge the Director of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to revise the crash indicator standards for commercial fleet drivers.

Currently, company fleet drivers can be designated as high risk and even face forced termination in incidences where an accident occurs and it is NOT their fault. This nonsensical provision can force companies to pay more to insure drivers and even worse, force them to layoff good employees. Revising the crash indicator standards so that drivers are only reprimanded in instances where a crash occurs and it has been deemed their fault would benefit propane marketers by giving them certainty when handling safety issues with their commercial fleets. Additionally, it would ensure safety standards are maintained while also avoiding the unnecessary punishment of drivers who have sustained a good record of safety throughout their tenure.

In closing, we applaud Senator Schaffer for bringing this legislation forward and urge members of the committee to support its passage.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support for this piece of legislation. Should you have any questions, please contact our office at any time.

Sincerely,

George Walton  
President

CC: Members of the Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee

*The Ohio Propane Gas Association represents the state's 100 plus family-owned and corporate businesses that provide propane delivery to over 240,000 residential and commercial customers throughout our state.*

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