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Chairman Brenner, Vice-Chair Slaby, Ranking Member Fedor and fellow members of the House Education Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this support letter regarding HB 154 - The Commercial Truck Driving Student Aid Program - sponsored by Representative Ryan Smith and Representative Nathan Manning.

Cuyahoga Community College is proud to operate a Transportation Center for the past nine years. We serve approximately 150 students per year.

Our Transportation Center offers students:  
Class A CDL Truck Driver Training  
Class B CDL Training  
Trucking Job Resources  
Passenger and School Bus Endorsements

The College's small class sizes allow extensive hands on attention during training. Our students receive quality training and are connected to job opportunities in the trucking industry with recruiters visiting our school regularly and many local companies inquiring about our graduates.

Our instructors see multiple job openings and see the need for more students to fill them. We have experienced students bettering their lives through CDL education. **For these reasons, Cuyahoga Community College is in full support of HB 154 - The Commercial Truck Driving Student Aid Program - sponsored by Rep. Ryan Smith and Rep. Nathan Manning.** The ability to provide loans and grants to help people complete their CDL training is something that will help grow jobs in Ohio.

Thank you for your time and review of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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