



## Washington State Legislature

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Honorable Governor Jay Inslee  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 40002, Olympia, WA 98504-0002  
**ELECTRONIC DELIVERY**

Dear Governor Inslee:

The trucking and freight industry are in many ways the backbone of our supply chains in Washington state, providing support for the dense urban parts of our state, but also rural areas that do not have steady access to goods and services.

It has been brought to our attention that with the partial closure of Commercial Driver License Training Schools (CDL schools) and State Driver's License Agencies (SDLAS) many businesses involved in this industry are facing difficulty sourcing new drivers to ensure a reliable, diverse workforce for our supply chain industry.

Washington state, like so many other states in the U.S. and countries around the world, is experiencing a strain on our people, businesses, and supply chains that has drastically changed our normal way of life in an extraordinarily short amount of time.

Your role protecting the public while also ensuring we have access to everyday goods is no easy task. However, your "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order might unduly affect the critical supply lines that allow Washingtonians to purchase essential goods and services — and receive not only critical personal protection equipment but also a steady delivery of food and other supplies.

This is a time of uncertainty for Washingtonians, many of whom are already facing challenges securing access to equipment and services to protect our communities. We firmly believe there is a way to protect public health while also allowing the training and certification of drivers of heavy equipment and trucking in our state, many of whom spend long hours by themselves.

Please consider widening the role of CDL schools and State Driver's License Agencies on the list of essential businesses, to allow the training of new CDL drivers to ensure a robust supply chain workforce.

Thank you for your consideration of this request,

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