

November 1, 2021



Sharon Block
Acting Administrator
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Executive Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Acting Administrator Block,

As members of the Minnesota House of Representatives, we write this letter encouraging you to consider the impact a COVID-19 vaccination mandate on the trucking industry and the ensuing supply chain issues that would result with a massive exodus of truck drivers.

In official comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the White House, the American Trucking Associations reported that, based on survey data, carriers subject to the vaccine mandates risk **losing approximately 74% of those unvaccinated employees or 37% of their total drive workforce** to smaller carriers or retirements/resignations.

With ongoing supply chain issues, our nation can simply not afford to lose these vital workers. Truckers are an essential link in the supply chain for agriculture, food, logging, manufacturing, retail, energy, and other industries. We join the calls from industry leaders asking the Biden Administration, through Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), to consider the following three points when crafting their COVID-19 vaccine mandate rules:

1. **Exempt truck drivers from the Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS), in the same manner that Canada has in its national vaccine mandate,**
2. **Ensure fleets that hold federal contracts are not subject to overlapping, contradictory requirements; and**
3. **Allow for a reasonable implementation deadline of at least 90 days.**

Thank you for your consideration and we hope you will join us and industry leaders in asking the Administration to make accommodations for this vital industry. The Biden Administration should be taking steps to alleviate, not exacerbate, the supply chain crisis and ensure American families and businesses have access to the goods on which they depend.

Respectfully,

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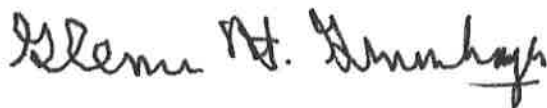
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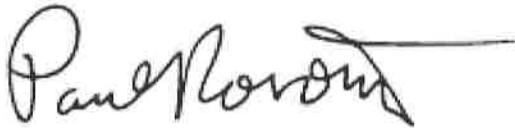
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cc: Minnesota Congressional Delegation