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The Honorable John Cornyn
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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Thom Tillis
U.S. Senate
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Senators Cornyn, Tillis and Warren:

I write on behalf of the American Trucking Associations' (ATA) to thank you for introducing S.1393, the Jobs for our Heroes Act of 2017, and offer ATA's unequivocal support for the legislation. This important proposal will streamline the existing process whereby active-duty military, reservists and veterans apply for their commercial driver's license (CDL).

As you are aware, each year, approximately 200,000 military personnel return to civilian life after serving in the armed forces. ATA and the trucking industry remain steadfast in commitment to support the men and women of our armed forces, including working to ensure they have ample career opportunities after their service. Your legislation will ease and simplify the transition to civilian life for current service members who wish to pursue careers as professional commercial motor vehicle drivers.

The Jobs for our Heroes Act is a commonsense measure that will expand on important provisions included in Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act to create opportunities for service members to find work in their communities by simplifying how they translate the driving skills they learned in the military to American jobs across the nation. Additionally, the bill also makes it easier for veterans to receive the DOT-required health examination required to hold a CDL.

Similar legislation has been considered and unanimously agreed to by the House of Representatives, and ATA encourages the Senate to swiftly adopt the Jobs for our Heroes Act so that it may be returned to the House for final action and then signed into public law. Once enacted, this legislation will provide a clear

pathway for our nation's military personal to obtaining employment in the trucking industry, helping to smooth the transition from military to civilian life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Spear". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Spear
President & CEO
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