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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to respectfully request that truck drivers, truck stop and rest area workers, maintenance and repair technicians, dispatchers, towing/recovery and roadside assistance workers, warehouse workers, and intermodal transportation personnel be considered essential critical infrastructure workers for the duration of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. We would further urge that the guidelines for essential critical infrastructure workers that were issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security be *consistently* applied by all State and local governments.

As the United States grapples with COVID-19, our friends and allies in the trucking industry are delivering medicine, food, fuel, water, personal protective equipment (PPE), and other basic needs to communities, as well as critical supplies to law enforcement, public safety and medical service providers on the front lines. They play a critical role in our national supply train but have been greatly hampered and delayed by inconsistent orders issued by State and local governments restricting the movement of citizens and businesses during the pandemic response.

If these workers were explicitly exempt from State and municipal restrictions, such as shelter in place mandates and mandatory curfews, supplies will be able to flow more easily to the people and communities that need them. Our groceries' shelves will remain stocked and emergency supplies reach public safety and health workers—but only if our trucking industry is unimpeded.

Thank you for your continued leadership at this difficult time and thank you, as always, for considering the views of the more than 350,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police. If I

can be of any additional assistance on this or any other issue, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington, D.C. office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Yoes", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Yoes
National President

cc: The Honorable Alex M Azar II, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
The Honorable Chad F. Wolf, Acting Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security