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Ms. Robin Hutcheson
Deputy Administrator
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

RE: Women of Trucking Advisory Board

Dear Deputy Administrator Hutcheson:

The National Waste & Recycling Association (NWRA) congratulates the women selected to serve on the Women of Trucking Advisory Board. NWRA recognizes the need to increase the diversity of commercial motor vehicle drivers in our country in order to have an effective and functioning workforce that can meet the economy's demands.

Also important, though, is the representation of the different sectors of commercial motor vehicle businesses on FMCSA committees -- from over the road semi-trucks to motorcoaches to those vehicles that abide by the short haul exemption. Diversity throughout the industry will only occur if all aspects of it are involved in advising the government on such matters. Unfortunately, the Women of Trucking Advisory Board lacks short haul representation on it thereby leaving out a significant segment of the trucking industry.

NWRA is a trade association that represents private-sector waste and recycling companies in the United States as well as manufacturers and service providers who do business with those companies. NWRA's members operate in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. NWRA provides leadership, education, safety expertise, research, and advocacy to promote North American waste and recycling industries, serve as their voice, and create a climate where members prosper and provide safe, economically sustainable, and environmentally sound services.

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NWRA appreciates the opportunity to engage FMSCA and we look forward to continuing to work with your office on this issue of ensuring that all segments of the trucking industry are being represented. Should you have any questions, please call Kirk Sander at ksander@wasterecycling.org or 202-364-3750.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrell K. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light gray rectangular background.

Darrell K. Smith, PhD
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