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Dear Mr. Voltmann:

I want to thank you for your comments in response to Docket FCMSA-2013-0050: Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals and Submissions and Approvals: Lease and Interchange of Vehicles. In your comments you raised the concern;

Transportation Intermediaries Association (TIA) implores the Agency not to eliminate this important requirement. TIA stated that this requirement ultimately alleviates concerns within the transportation industry of fraudulent entities in the supply chain, by placing safeguards in the industry. Furthermore, if this requirement is eliminated it will make it easier for carriers who are illegally brokering to continue this detrimental practice.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has not proposed elimination of written leasing agreements. FMCSA is merely attempting to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requirements and OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320 to calculate an accurate estimate of the time and cost burdens to for-hire freight motor carriers to collect information during lease negotiations and document the lease, receipts, and other paperwork required by 49 CFR part 376.

Thank you again for taking the time to comment on this initiative and for TIA's strong support of FMCSA.

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