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Reply to: MC-RRR

Mr. Edward Wytkind
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Dear Mr. Wytkind:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) New Information Collection Request: The Impact of Driver Compensation on Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety [Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0325]. The following is a response to issues you raise in your letter.

Theme: Passenger carrier companies and drivers and the impact of overtime exemptions should be included in the proposed research.

FMCSA Response: The Motorcoach industry operates in a unique environment with a differing set of variables that may influence the research. In addition to the value of understanding the potential effects that compensation may have on safety, the FMCSA recognizes many other industry issues may impact safety as well. The proposed study is focused on non-passenger commercial operations but will address overtime as a component of compensation packages. Passenger carrier operations and their unique operational characteristics may be examined in future studies.

The Motorcoach industry and its safe operation is of significant concern for us and we appreciate your comments and will consider them for inclusion in future research efforts.

This response is posted along with other public responses in the 30-day Federal Register notice, docket FMCSA-2014-0325. Should you need additional information or assistance, please contact Theresa Hallquist, Mathematical Statistician, FMCSA Research Division, at (202) 366-1064 or theresa.hallquist@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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