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Department of Transportation
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington D.C. 20590
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Re: Agency Information Collection Activities; New Information Collection: Quantifying the Benefits of Creating New Truck Parking Spaces

[Docket No. FMCSA-2025-0787]

Dear Docket Clerk,

On behalf of the Truckload Carriers Association (TCA), we appreciate the opportunity to submit comments to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regarding Docket No. FMCSA-2025- 0787, Agency Information Collection Activities; New Information Collection: Quantifying the Benefits of Creating New Truck Parking Spaces, published in the Federal Register on November 28, 2025.

TCA, headquartered at 555 E Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA, is the only national trade association exclusively dedicated to representing the truckload segment of the trucking industry. Our membership includes dry van, refrigerated, flatbed, and intermodal carriers. These companies operate throughout the contiguous United States, Alaska, Mexico, and Canada. They represent a crucial voice in an industry encompassing over half a million companies and serving millions of power units. TCA and its members are actively involved in shaping the future of our nation's transportation network.

As acknowledged in the docket, truck parking remains one of the most significant challenges facing professional truck drivers today, ranking second among the issues reported nationwide by drivers, according to the American Transportation Research Institute. TCA strongly supports FMCSA's effort to quantify the benefits of creating new truck parking spaces and believes this study is a critical step toward addressing a long-standing safety and workforce issue.

TCA has advocated for solutions to the truck parking shortage for many years, including support for the Truck Parking Safety Improvement Act, which would allocate \$755 million from the Highway Trust Fund over five years to expand parking capacity nationwide. Despite these efforts, the shortage persists: there are about 313,000 available truck parking spaces, while an estimated 3.5 million professional drivers need them. This means there is only one parking space for every 11 drivers, highlighting the ongoing difficulty drivers face in finding safe, legal, and sufficient parking.

Additionally, TCA has heard from our Professional Drivers of the Year that the existing count of available truck parking spaces may be overstated. Numerous public rest areas have been closed or restricted due to funding and maintenance costs, rendering many spaces unavailable for use. TCA encourages FMCSA to examine this issue as part of its study, particularly along heavily traveled freight corridors such as I-95 on the East Coast and I-5 on the West Coast.

The parking shortage has also led to unsafe and illegal parking practices. Ninety-six percent of drivers report having parked in locations not designated for trucks, including highway shoulders and interstate entrance and exit ramps, creating serious safety risks for all roadway users.

TCA continues to advocate for dedicated federal funding for truck parking in the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization bill. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) did not include dedicated funding to address truck parking needs, leaving states to compete for limited discretionary grants. Truck parking requires a dedicated funding stream at the federal level and should be prioritized within state Departments of Transportation grant programs.

TCA appreciates FMCSA's attention to this critical issue and supports the Agency's efforts to quantify the benefits of expanding truck parking capacity. We look forward to continued collaboration to improve safety, compliance, and efficiency for professional drivers and the motoring public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Ward". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

Jim Ward
TCA President