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Office of the Chief Counsel
HCC-10, Room 4232
Federal Highway Administration
Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Docket No. MC-96-41; Parts and
Accessories Necessary for Safe
Operation; Development of a North
American Standard for Protection
Against Shifting or Falling Cargo

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed herewith please find an original and one (1)
copy of the comments of the International Brotherhood of
Teamsters in the above-referenced matter.

Kindly acknowledgment receipt of this filing by date
stamping the additional copy of this letter and returning it to
the messenger.

Sincerely,

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John W. Butler
Counsel to the International
Brotherhood of Teamsters

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Before The
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Docket No. MC-96-41

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COMMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

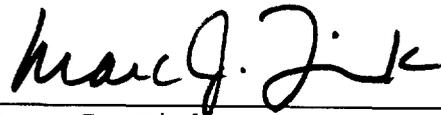
By notice published in the Federal Register on October 17, 1996, the Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA") requested comments regarding the possible overhauling of its cargo securement regulations based upon a research program which has been undertaken. While the International Brotherhood of Teamsters has no specific recommendations to make to the FHWA at this time, it does wish to make clear that if any drafting, harmonization or working group is created to formulate cargo securement regulations the IBT wants to be included in such a group. In this regard, the IBT wants at an early stage to be a participant in any effort to modify these regulations and to assist in the development of such regulations.

The IBT contact person for this matter is Lamont Byrd, Director, Safety and Health Department, 25 Louisiana Avenue,

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Respectfully submitted,



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