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re: Larry A. Dahleen / [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs:

The Iowa commercial motor vehicle (CMV) driver listed above has been granted an exemption from the vision regulation in 49 CFR 39 1.4 1 (b)( 10). If he meets all other Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, this individual is qualified to operate a CMV in interstate commerce. **The exemption will become effective November 9, 1998.**

The exemption has been granted under 49 U.S.C. 3 1136(e); it is valid for 2 years and is renewable. The conditions attached to the exemption, which each driver must meet in order to retain it, are:

- (1) Each individual must be physically examined every year (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests his vision continues to measure at least 20/40 (Snellen) in the better eye, and (b) by a medical examiner who attests he is **otherwise** physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41.
- (2) Each individual must provide a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination.
- (3) The medical certificate must bear the statement, "**Medically unqualified unless accompanied by a Federal vision waiver.**"
- (4) Each individual must have a copy of the certificate when driving so it may be presented to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official.

Although the exemption is valid for 2 years, the medical certificate may be valid for no more than 12 months. Each driver must undergo a recertification examination every year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Thomas of my **staff**, at 202-366-8786.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul L. Brennan".

**Paul L. Brennan**

Director, Office of Motor Carrier  
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