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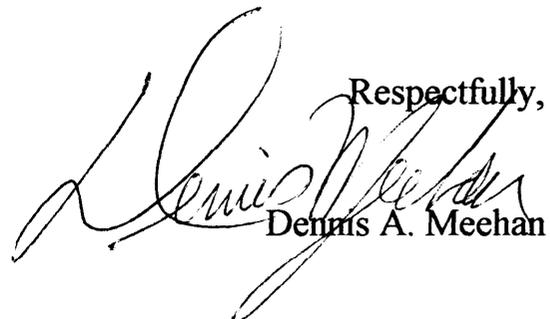
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As consultants serving the commercial vehicle industry in all areas of vehicle maintenance, we offer our comments to Docket Clerk, US DOT Dockets.

1. We believe all inter-model container chassis should have systematic periodic repair and maintenance as all other commercial trailers on our highways.
2. These container chassis use similar axles, brakes and wheels to all other commercially used trailers.
3. All other trailers on our highways have systematic, periodic repair and maintenance at between 90 and 120 days intervals.
4. Container chassis inspections and container chassis accident investigations by Commercial Vehicle Consultants, Inc. has revealed most chassis poorly maintained with many unsafe conditions.
5. We support changes in Federal Regulations on the maintenance and repair of all intermodel container chassis.

Respectfully,


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