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400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

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DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Re: Docket No. FMCSA-2000-7006 - 3

Dear Docket Clerk:

Our department has reviewed the request by Mr. James Spencer and Mr. Thanh Ha for an exemption from the vision requirements in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations in order to operate interstate commerce.

California is opposed to granting an exemption to Mr. Spencer for the following reasons:

- In 1995, cited in a commercial vehicle for driving on the wrong side of the road.
- In 1995, was involved in an accident while operating a commercial vehicle in which the law enforcement officer identified Mr. Spencer as the party most responsible for the accident.
- In 1996, was involved in an accident while operating a commercial vehicle in which the law enforcement officer identified Mr. Spencer as the party most responsible for the accident.

While the above actions occurred outside of the three year review for exemptions, California feels the above actions in conjunction with Mr. Spencer's vision condition are serious enough to warrant the denial of the exemption.

The department is opposed to granting an exemption to Mr. Ha for the following reasons:

- Does not hold a California Commercial Driver License.
- Has never passed a commercial knowledge test.
- Has never demonstrated compensation for vision deficiency on a commercial driving test.

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If you have any questions, please call Bruce Allen of my staff at (916) 657-6550.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Larson".

SUSAN C. LARSON, Chief
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