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RE: Amended Petition for Approval
of a Pilot Program

Dear Ms. Walls:

Referencing our telephone conversation of this date, I am given to understand that publication in the Federal Register of the referenced Petition is imminent. You have updated my earlier understanding, and advised me that Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration ("FMCSA") now does not contemplate publication in the Federal Register of the Professional Truck Driver Institute, Inc. ("PTDI") program standards, skill standards, and curriculum standards, or the Questions and Answers, that were developed to support the proposals contained in the Amended Petition and which were appended to it. Instead, it is now my understanding that the copyrighted material will be placed in the Department of Transportation's electronic DMS docket from which it can be viewed and downloaded by the public.

All three sets of standards are proprietary to, property of, and copyrighted by PTDI, which is managed by the Truckload Carriers Association ("TCA"). As General Counsel of both organizations, I am authorized to permit DOT to publish and maintain the standards as an appendix to the Amended Petition in both print and the electronic DMS docket from which it can be viewed and downloaded by the public for the purpose of allowing the Amended Petition to be fully supported by these documents.

Feel free to call me if I can help you further.

Very truly yours,

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