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Mr. Howard Pearlman
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Dear Mr. Pearlman:

Thank you for your May 2 letter to the U.S. Department of Transportation regarding the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning application procedures to allow Mexican carriers to operate beyond the U.S. commercial zones at the U.S.-Mexico border. Your letter was forwarded to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for response.

Your letter has been placed in public docket FMCSA-98-3298. All comments received will be thoroughly considered in our evaluation of the proposal. I can assure you that as we move forward with this rulemaking we will not allow any compromise in highway safety.

Thank you for expressing your interest in this important highway safety rulemaking.

Sincerely yours,

John F. Grimm
Director, Office of Safety Programs