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Re: Docket No. FMCSA-2002-13295 - 6

The Oregon Trucking Associations, Inc. provides the following comments on the Oregon Department of Transportation's application for exemption from 49 CFR Parts 393 and 396 for farmers for the following reasons:

A significant portion of Oregon's robust truck safety program is funded through FMCSA's Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program grants. It is estimated that Oregon will receive \$2,446,000 in MCSAP funds in federal fiscal year 2003. If Oregon should lose this amount of funding, its truck safety program would suffer immeasurably. The Oregon Trucking Associations, Inc. supports the Oregon Department of Transportation's current truck safety program and opposes anything that would reduce the existing level of effort and, thereby, adversely affect highway safety.

The Oregon Trucking Associations, Inc. is a strong advocate for highway safety. We have long supported the truck safety programs operated by both the FMCSA and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Russell

Cc: David Mckane, Manager