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The Honorable Governor Gina Raimondo
State House, Room 224
82 Smith Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Governor Raimondo:

I first want to commend you, Director Alexander-Scott and your team for your efforts during the crisis brought by Coronavirus. The spread of the virus in Rhode Island and throughout the U.S. will test government institutions, challenge private industry and place inordinate demands on our most critical workforce. America's professional truck drivers will be on the front lines delivering critical supplies and aid to fellow citizens, and the Rhode Island Trucking Association(RITA)stands ready to assist you in any way needed.

As you may know, the emergency declaration by the FMCSA has provided hours-of-service relief to commercial drivers transporting emergency relief in response to the nationwide outbreak. This action will increase delivery capacity in Rhode Island for the delivery such critical things such as medical supplies and equipment, food for emergency restocking of shelves and personnel for medical services or quarantining purposes. RITA is working directly with the local office of FMCSA and the Rhode Island State Police Commercial Enforcement Unit to communicate the provisions of the HOS waiver and educate our members who range from Rhode Island small businesses such as dairy and egg farmers, grocery stores and fuel suppliers to global expedited delivery services.

We are also in direct contact with the leadership of UPS and other delivery services who assure us of their readiness including not only logistical capabilities, but operating plans to limit exposure and still serve the communities that will continue to rely upon deliveries of essential supplies, and other life-sustaining goods. The leadership of these companies have asked RITA to communicate the critical need to exempt them from mandates, restrictions, closures or curfews that would inhibit their operations.



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In closing, please know that RITA can and will serve as a critical conduit to the trucking industry, expedited delivery services, and small businesses that operate commercial vehicles and serve as the backbone of our state's supply chain. RITA actively participates in the EMA's RI Alliance for Business Resilience (RIABR) and we have been in contact and have communicated our readiness to their leadership.

Governor, I personally wish you well as you face this crisis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Maxwell", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Christopher J. Maxwell
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cc: Stuart Freiman, RIEMA/RIABR
Colonel James Manni, RISP
Kevin Carter, FMCSA



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