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The Honorable Steve Chabot  
Chairman  
House Small Business Committee  
2361 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Chabot,

On behalf of the National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA), I am writing to thank you for your leadership of the House Small Business Committee and to express our appreciation for holding hearings on the impact of federal regulations on the trucking industry.

NWRA represents the private sector segment of the waste and recycling services industry. Association members conduct business in all 50 states, and include companies that collect and manage trash, recycling and medical waste, equipment manufacturers and distributors, and a variety of other service providers. Our sector of the industry operates approximately 138,000 trucks.

Few industries touch nearly every taxpayer and business like the waste and recycling industry. We represent companies of every size, from large Fortune 500 corporations to smaller, family-owned businesses.

Most federal regulations apply to all market participants regardless of their size and business model. Regulations designed for long-haul trucking operations are not necessarily helpful or beneficial to haulers who operate daily routes with frequent starts and stops. A one-size-fits-all approach to the regulatory process does not encourage job creation or expansion and can work against short-haul trucking operations, especially smaller companies.

We applaud your efforts to reduce the burden of unnecessary regulations on the trucking industry and stand ready to help you and your committee bring needed relief to small businesses.

Thank you for your hard work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darrell K. Smith".

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