



## Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association

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Sue Lawless  
Acting Deputy Administrator  
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20003

**Re: Docket # FMCSA-2023-0143, "Request for Information: Drivers' Leasing Agreements for Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMVs)"**

Dear Acting Deputy Administrator Lawless:

The Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA) is the largest trade association representing the views of small-business truckers and professional truck drivers. OOIDA has approximately 150,000 members located in all fifty states and Canada who collectively own and operate more than 240,000 individual heavy-duty trucks.

OOIDA supports the establishment of the Truck Leasing Task Force (TLTF) and its mission to examine the terms, conditions, and equitability of common truck leasing arrangements, particularly as they impact owner-operators and trucking businesses subject to such agreements. We feel requesting information from CMV drivers will assist TLTF in reviewing such leases to identify terms and conditions that may be unfair to drivers.

We request the public comment period be extended for 30 days in order to provide TLTF as much as data possible. This will give drivers and other members of the public sufficient time to collect and submit leasing information. We also believe extending the comment period will allow feedback from OOIDA members and other drivers who will be attending the Mid-America Trucking Show that will be held March 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> in Louisville, Kentucky.

Thank You,

Todd Spencer  
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