



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20590

January 19, 2016

The Honorable John Thune  
Chairman  
Committee on Commerce, Science,  
and Transportation  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am pleased to provide notification regarding motor carrier registration, as required under section 5505 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (P.L. 114-94). Section 5505 requires the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to report on the actions we are taking to ensure, to the greatest extent practicable, that each application by a motor carrier for registration under section 13902 of title 49, United States Code, is processed no later than 30 days after the date on which the application is received.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) processes applications for registration within 30 days of receipt if the applicant is found to be "willing and able to comply" with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, 49 U.S.C. § 13902 (49 CFR, Part 365). If the required insurance and process agent filings are made in a timely manner, operating authority is normally granted within 20 to 25 business days after receipt of an application. Where FMCSA determines that an applicant may be unwilling or unable to comply with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, the application will undergo a more extensive vetting (investigation) process by FMCSA. In these instances, it will take longer than 30 days for the application to be processed.

On December 12, 2015, FMCSA launched the first phase of a new, simplified, online registration form that truck and bus companies, freight forwarders, brokers, intermodal equipment providers, cargo tank manufacturers, and inspection and repair facilities can use to register with FMCSA. The Unified Registration System combines multiple "legacy" reporting forms into a single, online "smart form," thereby streamlining the process, improving efficiency, reducing errors, and most importantly, further strengthening safety for the motoring public. The FMCSA believes this new online process will improve the registration experience for all users.

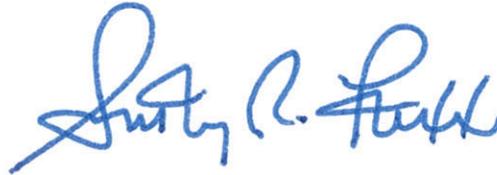
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I have sent a similar letter to the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security; the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

If I can provide further information or assistance, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anthony R. Foxx". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anthony" being the most prominent.

Anthony R. Foxx