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RESOLUTION – In support of Assembly Bill 301, related to third party testing for commercial driver's license skill tests

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Brian R. Marshall, Director

February 27, 2017

The Honorable Jim Patterson
State of California Assembly
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Subject: SUPPORT - Assembly Bill 301, Third-Party License Examinations

Please accept this letter of support for AB 301 from City of Fresno Department of Transportation/Fresno Area Express (FAX). This bipartisan bill will help countless truck and transit driving students who are forced to wait several months to take their commercial driver's license (CDL) exams. The backlog at the DMV commercial testing sites throughout the state has caused hardships for California families as prospective drivers cannot work until they pass the necessary exams. Often times, drivers lose job offers due to this long wait.

With 30,000 available truck driving jobs in California, this bill is needed now more than ever. Allowing third-party entities to administer the CDL exams would increase availability and access to CDL exams for classes A and B vehicles just as 29 other states already do.

Third-party testers are consistently able to offer more examination dates and times that would keep up with the increasing public demand for CDL exams. Californians seeking to improve their quality of life by obtaining these licenses should not have to wait months for a simple exam.

For the past two years FAX trainees have been waiting at the DMV testing sites to be tested, sometimes starting at 2 a.m. Often times even standing in line from 2 a.m. until opening, several drivers were not able to test due to availability of test times. In November 2016, the delay was so long that the department sent drivers to Sacramento. The department paid wages and overnight lodging for 15 drivers. Only two drivers were tested. In 2016, the department needed over 70 drivers to be trained. Clearly, the DMV could not handle testing the number of drivers. As a third-party testing site, the number of drivers would relieve the burden considerably from the DMV.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Marshall", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Brian R. Marshall, Director



February 27, 2017

Assemblyman Jim Patterson
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249

Re: SUPPORT Assembly Bill 301 – Third-Party License Examinations

Dear Assemblyman Patterson,

Please accept this letter of support for **AB 301** from Fresno County Economic Development Corporation. This bipartisan bill will help countless truck driving students and transit drivers who are forced to wait several months to take their Commercial Driver's License tests (CDL). The backlog at the Commercial DMV Testing Sites throughout our state has caused hardships for California families as prospective drivers cannot work until they pass the necessary tests. Often times, drivers lose job offers due to this long wait.

The Fresno EDC administers a training program in partnership with the Department of Social Services and West Hills College. We know firsthand of the delay on testing and the hardship this is causing the newly trained truck drivers. Our office is in complete support of this bill.

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Fresno County Economic Development Corporation is in support of **AB 301** because of the reasons stated above as well as for the economic impact for the drivers and their families. The countless trucking firms in need of drivers to maintain and expand their businesses will also benefit from allowing a third-party entity to administer the CDL exams.

Sincerely,

Lee Ann Eager
President/CEO

LAE/mp

Assemblyman Jim Patterson
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249

Re: SUPPORT Assembly Bill 301 – Third-Party License Examinations

Dear Assemblyman Patterson,

Please accept this letter of support for **AB 301** from [Enter ORGANIZATION here]. This bipartisan bill will help countless truck driving students and transit drivers who are forced to wait several months to take their Commercial Driver's License tests (CDL). The backlog at the Commercial DMV Testing Sites throughout our state has caused hardships for California families as prospective drivers cannot work until they pass the necessary tests. Often times, drivers lose job offers due to this long wait.

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City of Fresno Professional Employees Association (CFPEA) is in support of **AB 301** because of the reasons stated above.

Sincerely,



Jesse Gonzalez

CFPEA President

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March 1, 2017

Assemblyman Jim Patterson

P.O. Box 942849

Sacramento, CA 94249

Re: SUPPORT Assembly Bill 301 – Third-Party License Examinations

Dear Assemblyman Patterson,

Please accept this letter of support for **AB 301** from Fresno County Rural Transit Agency. This bipartisan bill will help countless truck driving students and transit drivers who are forced to wait several months to take their Commercial Driver's License tests (CDL). The backlog at the Commercial DMV Testing Sites throughout our state has caused hardships for California families as prospective drivers cannot work until they pass the necessary tests. Often times, drivers lose job offers due to this long wait.

With 30,000 available truck and transit driving jobs in California, this bill is needed now more than ever. Allowing third-party entities to administer the CDL exams would increase availability and access to CDL exams for class A and B vehicles just as 29 other states already do.

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Fresno County Rural Transit Agency is in support of **AB 301** to address and solve this crisis in California.

Sincerely,

Moses Stites
General Manager

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