**July X, 2017**

Ms. Daphne Y. Jefferson
Deputy Administrator
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

U.S. Department of Transportation

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE

Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Ms. Jefferson:

On behalf of the [**YOUR COMPANY/ASSOCIATION**], I respectfully request clarification and an extension of time to submit comments to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA’s) “Proposal in response to petitions for reconsideration; request for public comments,” concerning the Lease and Interchange of Vehicles; Motor Carriers of Passengers final rule (L&I rule), Docket No. FMCSA-2012-0103 ” (Proposal). As to additional time, we request a 60-day extension to submit comments, extending the current response deadline of July 31, 2017, to October 1, 2017.

My company (or association) represents [**PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR COMPANY/ASSOCIATION AND SERVICES**].

My company (or association) has a strong interest in the FMCSA rulemaking concerning the L&I rule. [**AND IF APPROPRIATE, ADD:** We submitted a petition for reconsideration of the final rule following its issuance in May 2015.] My company appreciates the Agency’s notice extending the compliance date of the 2015 rule to January 1, 2019, and we are happy to see FMCSA taking the next steps to address the petitions for reconsideration. However, we, along with other members of the motorcoach industry, are confused by the Proposal published on June 16, 2017, and how it relates to revising the regulation.

Therefore, we ask that FMCSA clarify its actions to undertake revisions of the final rule by: 1) publishing a formal notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); 2) including proposed regulatory text in the new NPRM, for comment; and 3) clarifying in the new NPRM the Agency’s position with regard to the four categories identified as areas for regulatory revision, in the August 31, 2016 notice of intent. If FMCSA takes these steps, we will have a better understanding of how the Agency plans to revise the final rule and can provide appropriate comments, and hopefully not have to challenge it again.

I appreciate your timely consideration of this request in advance of the current July 31 comment deadline, and I look forward to FMCSA resolving the issues with the May 2015 rule.

Respectfully,

[**YOUR NAME**]