

Exhibit H
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Mr. Gutierrez:

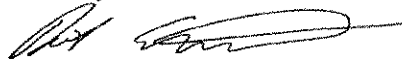
The American Farm Bureau Federation supports restoring an agricultural exemption from the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) fee. Agricultural producers were exempt under the Single State Registration System that was replaced by the UCR agreement in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users or SAFETEA-LU (Public Law 109-59).

America's farmers and ranchers haul infrequently over short distances and may not cross a state line more than once or twice each year. Yet infrequent short-haul farm trucks are being charged the same registration fee as for-hire commercial big rigs that may cross state lines each day. The two classes of carrier do not benefit equally from the state highway safety programs that are funded by the registration fee. Agriculture poses a *de minimis* relative risk to highway safety and represents only a tiny fraction of the fee base. If relative risk was the basis for an exemption, that basis has not changed. Agricultural producers should be exempt from the fee.

The UCR Board has the statutory authority under current law to issue regulations including "procedures for amending the agreement and obtaining clarification of any provision of the agreement" (see 49 U.S.C. § 14504a(d)(2)). We request that UCR Board consider amending the UCR agreement to exempt agricultural trucks. If the board does not believe it has that authority, we request that the board seek clarification from Congress.

Thank you for your consideration. We would appreciate a timely response to our request. Please feel free to direct questions to Austin Perez on my staff at 202-406-3669 or austinp@fb.org.

Sincerely,



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