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The Honorable Frank Niceley  
Senator  
Tennessee General Assembly

The Honorable Dale Carr  
Representative  
Tennessee General Assembly

Dear Senator Niceley and Representative Carr:

The purpose of this letter is to convey the support of the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA) for SB 1936 and HB 1962, legislation that would prohibit the enforcement of the electronic logging device (ELD) mandate in Tennessee.

OOIDA is the largest trade association representing the views of small-business truckers and professional truck drivers. We have more than 160,000 members nationwide, including roughly 4,761 who reside in Tennessee.

An overwhelming majority of OOIDA members oppose the ELD mandate. It is one of the most burdensome and unnecessary federal transportation mandates over the last decade. With a multi-billion dollar price tag, it's also a massive unfunded federal mandate that does absolutely nothing to improve highway safety.

As you know, Tennessee Congressional Representatives Phil Roe, John Duncan Jr., Scott DesJarlais, Diane Black, and David Kustoff supported previous efforts to either delay or repeal the ELD mandate. We obviously appreciate their support.

Unfortunately, Tennessee Congressional Representatives Chuck Fleischmann, Jim Cooper, Marsha Blackburn, and Steve Cohen opposed previous efforts to delay or repeal the ELD mandate. Hopefully your legislation might convince them to finally do the right thing and support the hundreds of thousands (or millions) of small-business truckers that don't want or need the ELD mandate.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. Please contact me directly at (816) 229-5791 ext. 1603 or [mike\\_matousek@oida.com](mailto:mike_matousek@oida.com) should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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