



VERMONT TRUCK & BUS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Rep. Curt McCormack, Chairman
VT House Transportation Committee
Committee Room 43
VT Statehouse

RE: S.149, section 15

Dear Chair McCormack and members of the Committee:

As president of the VTBA, I have the privilege of leading my industry in working collaboratively with state officials to make it less burdensome to haul freight into and out of our state. I am writing in support of the DMV proposal contained in section 15 of S.149.

This section would add the following language: Vehicle owners who have apportioned power units registered in this State under the International Registration Plan are exempt from the requirement to register their trailers in this State.

This language reflects current practice with Vermont carriers. Our association is in discussions with Commissioner Minoli to incentivize having more semi-trailers registered in Vermont; but for now, we have the ability to register them with the State of Maine. This is a longstanding situation which we hope will be addressed by the Department. In the near term, section 15 is the way to fix things.

If you or the committee have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at my contact information, below.

Sincerely,

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