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Sean Duffy, Secretary of Transportation
FMCSA, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Re: Termination of FMCSA study regarding sexual assault and sexual harassment

Dear Secretary Duffy:

The National Women's Law Center (NWLC) writes to condemn the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) termination of the study regarding sexual assault and sexual harassment in the commercial motor vehicle (CMV) industry. NWLC has worked for over 50 years to advance and protect women's equality and opportunity—with a focus on women's employment, education, income security, health, and reproductive rights—and has long worked to address sexual assault and sexual harassment and other barriers to the equal treatment of women in the workplace.

Sexual harassment is a serious and well-known problem in the CMV industry, especially with respect to women truck drivers. Despite the prevalence of the problem, there is a dearth of research and study into harassment and assault of women truck drivers. For that reason, both the Women of Trucking Advisory Board (WOTAB), in its final report, and the FMCSA itself, in its recent report to Congress, recognized the need to address sexual harassment and violence against women and urged further research and study.

A well-conducted survey is critically important to help better understand sexual assault and sexual harassment in the CMV industry, including how and where sexual assault and sexual harassment is taking place, and who is being impacted. We are dismayed by FMCSA's decision to terminate the study. We demand that the FMCSA immediately reinstate the sexual assault and harassment study and commit to transparent action to address sexual assault and harassment in trucking industry. Drivers deserve a safe workplace, and the FMCSA must prioritize driver safety.

Sincerely,

National Women's Law Center

cc: Jesse Elison, Chief Counsel, FMCSA
Michael Hampton, Senior Policy Advisor, FMCSA
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