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Federal Motor Carrier  
Safety Administration

Office of the Administrator

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Mr. Collin B. Mooney  
Executive Director  
Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance  
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Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Mooney:

FMCSA grants the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) February 2, 2023, updated petition for rulemaking to amend 49 CFR part 393, *Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation*, to specifically identify unsafe vehicle conditions currently documented during roadside inspections under the "catch-all" provision in 49 CFR 396.3(a)(1).

FMCSA believes the CVSA petition has sufficient merit to warrant notice-and-comment rulemaking to provide all interested parties the opportunity to comment on this matter. The Agency agrees that providing additional detail in 49 CFR part 393 would allow more informative data analysis on vehicle defects and deficiencies observed during inspections and enhance data quality and accuracy.

FMCSA's decision to grant the petition and begin rulemaking does not mean, however, that a final rule will be issued. A decision on whether to issue a final rule will be made based on all available information developed during the rulemaking proceeding, in accordance with statutory criteria.

I hope this information is helpful. Should you need additional information or assistance, please contact David Sutula, Chief, Vehicle and Roadside Operations Division, at (202) 366-9209 or [David.sutula@dot.gov](mailto:David.sutula@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent G. White".

Vincent G. White  
Deputy Administrator