



# Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance

Improving commercial motor vehicle safety and enforcement

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February 4, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, which represents the 13,000 commercial motor vehicle safety inspectors throughout North America, I write to express the Alliance's full support for the nomination of Derek Barrs to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

CVSA is a nonprofit organization comprised of local, state, provincial, territorial and federal commercial motor vehicle safety officials and industry representatives. The Alliance aims to prevent commercial motor vehicle crashes, injuries and fatalities and believes that collaboration between government and industry improves road safety and saves lives. Our mission is to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and enforcement by providing guidance, education and advocacy for enforcement and industry across North America.

Mr. Barrs's experience in the commercial motor vehicle industry spans nearly 17 years, demonstrating his dedication to ensuring highway safety while serving in various law enforcement capacities for the Florida Department of Transportation and Florida Highway Patrol. Mr. Barrs's extensive leadership in commercial motor vehicle safety and enforcement equips him with a unique perspective on issues impacting the commercial motor vehicle industry and positions him as an exceptionally qualified candidate to lead FMCSA. While with the state of Florida, Mr. Barrs was an active member of the Alliance, serving as chair of CVSA's Enforcement and Industry Modernization Committee. This committee identifies technological advancements that can be leveraged to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and enhance the performance, quality and uniformity of commercial motor vehicle inspections and enforcement-related activities.

After retiring from the state, Mr. Barrs continued to serve in CVSA leadership as vice president and then president of our Associate (industry) Members. In addition to his leadership within the Alliance, Mr. Barrs also serves on the American Trucking Associations' Law Enforcement Advisory Board, demonstrating that Mr. Barrs continues to be an active, vocal leader in the commercial motor vehicle safety arena even after retiring from the state.

Mr. Barrs's long career dedicated to commercial motor vehicle safety and the knowledge he brings from both the enforcement and industry perspectives would be an invaluable resource to FMCSA and the commercial motor vehicle safety and enforcement community. Mr. Barrs is uniquely qualified to engage with both enforcement and the motor carrier community in an effective, respected manner. CVSA strongly supports the consideration of Derek Barrs to serve as FMCSA Administrator.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 202-998-1008 or by email at [collin.mooney@cvsa.org](mailto:collin.mooney@cvsa.org).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Collin B. Mooney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Collin" being more prominent.

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