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Re: Opposition to PUC Transportation Rule Changes

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you to oppose the proposed PUC revisions to the rules that govern motor carrier services in Pennsylvania. These proposed revisions are basically a deregulation of the industry and would undermine established businesses that have provided dependable and safe service for many years.

Changes in the permitting process could result in an increase in carriers and this could result in fewer riders to go around. Prices would most likely increase and it would be difficult for carriers to provide the quality of service that currently exists.

Removing entry requirements for new carriers will make it harder for existing, responsible carriers to remain in business.

There are many applicants that can't meet even the basic regulations that are already in place. Many of these new carriers go out of business. The focus should be on ensuring that new carriers have sound financial and functional foundations.

Eliminating current standards would penalize carriers who have abided by the current regulations and have invested significantly in upgrading their systems to keep up with the latest advances in the industry. Paratransit carriers have made considerable investments in their accounting and reservation systems over the past three years to comply with PennDOT mandates to participate in Pennsylvania's senior shared ride program.

Thank you for considering this request to forego passing these proposed changes that would destabilize and damage our paratransit industry.

Sincerely,  
  
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