



July 15, 2025

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell:

PrePass Safety Alliance strongly supports the nomination of Retired Chief Derek Barrs of Florida to serve as Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

Chief Barrs is widely respected throughout the commercial vehicle safety community following a distinguished career with the Florida Highway Patrol. His professional background, including his current role in the private-sector, reflects a deep understanding of the federal-state partnership that underpins FMCSA's work and demonstrates his appreciation for the perspectives of both regulators and industry. His longstanding engagement with the American Trucking Associations and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance further affirms his capacity to unite stakeholders around common-sense, safety-driven policy.

As the nation's most successful non-profit, public-private partnership between state enforcement agencies and the motor carrier industry, PrePass Safety Alliance operates the PrePass program that enables safe and compliant carriers to bypass at weigh stations nationwide. This allows enforcement resources to be focused on higher-risk operators. The Alliance's carrier customers span from single-truck owner-operators to the country's largest fleets and includes specialized carriers across the nation. With over \$1 billion invested in highway safety infrastructure—without the use of taxpayer funds—PrePass® advanced technologies contribute meaningfully to both safety and the efficient flow of commerce across the country.



A productive, transparent, and collaborative relationship between FMCSA, state agencies, and the trucking industry is essential to achieving shared safety goals on our nation's highways. Since FMCSA's establishment in 2000, PrePass Safety Alliance has built a strong working relationship and engaged consistently with the agency. FMCSA's safety data is also foundational to the Alliance's operations and supports the safety compliance efforts of its 46 partner states.

PrePass Safety Alliance believes that Chief Barrs will bring principled, effective leadership to FMCSA at a time when the agency's mission is critically important. His nomination deserves prompt confirmation. FMCSA's charge—to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving large trucks and buses—requires experienced, steady leadership. The Alliance looks forward to working with Chief Barrs in pursuit of safer and more efficient highways. We urge his swift consideration by the Committee and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

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Mark Doughty
President and CEO
PrePass Safety Alliance