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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing this in regard to the CDL testing procedures the state of Kansas has initiated over the past couple years. Additionally, I would like to point out some of the headaches the new testing requirements have caused our business as well as state employees at the DMV.

As custom harvesters, we require our employees to complete their CDL before the season begins in the late spring. For many years, a private instructor from the state would come to our home base and carry out the "driving" part of the CDL exam. This worked smoothly and went very well for us over the years. It essentially allowed a larger group of employees to complete the driving skills test in a short period of time. It also helped keep the larger group out of the nearly booked full DMV offices.

However, over recent years the state of Kansas has changed laws regarding CDL testing. The new laws require everyone obtaining a CDL to go through DMV offices for both the written and *driving* parts of the exam. This has proved to be a major obstacle for us as a business here in Kansas. We might have 15-20 employees who need to complete their CDL exam before harvest begins. The state DMV offices are **NOT** equipped with enough personnel to complete this amount of exams in a *timely* fashion. We have been faced with *weeks* of delays for our drivers; and as a business that *hurts* us. We're not the only ones feeling the stress in this situation; already overloaded DMV examiners are faced with even more people to test. With that in mind, I feel like the private instructor was not as rushed and able to complete a more thorough exam.

For the *benefit* of both parties involved, I would like to encourage the state to once again allow private state examiners to come onsite for CDL driving exams.

Sincerely,

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Attachment # 4

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February 5, 2013

To whom it may concern:

My name is George Louderbaugh, my family and I have a custom harvesting business near McDonald Kansas.

We employ two to four people each harvest season beginning in April.

My concern is with the shortage of commercial driver license examiner's in the state, at any given time during the spring the office in Colby where I take our drivers to get their CDL's may have appointments a week to two weeks in front of us.

I am told by other businesses that they are bringing their drivers and trucks from other areas because the back log is even worse where they are located.


I would like to add that our drivers license examiners in Colby do an outstanding job and are very professional as I am sure they are in the other locations across our state.

Due to the nature of our business with time constraints and the ever changing weather, trying to get our drivers safely trained and tested means needing access to examining stations across the state that are fully staffed, especially during the spring planting season and the start of harvest.

Thank you for your time and consideration of is important matter.

Sincerely, George Louderbaugh

Signature



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February 4, 2013

State of Kansas
Kansas Driver's License Examiner,

Dear Examiner,

I am a Custom Harvester from Colby, Kansas. I am writing this letter to voice my concern about a problem we are encountering with CDL Licenses.

Due to the retirement of many CDL examiners across the State of Kansas last year and since the positions were not refilled, I have found it putting an undue load on the remaining examiners across the state. We used to receive our CDL licenses in a timely manner, but the shortage of CDL examiners is causing scheduling problems and making it harder to receive our CDL's before we leave for harvest in early May.

I hope that you will consider this and add more CDL examiners across the State to help alleviate this problem.

Respectfully,

Jim Deibert, President
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Kansas Custom Harvesters supporting additional CDL Drive Test Examiners

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