

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
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Dear Mr. President,

We the undersigned citizen action groups across the state of Texas join with the leadership of **Texans Uniting for Reform and Freedom (TURF)**, **Texans for Toll-free Highways (TTH)**, and **Grassroots America - We the People (GAWTP)** in applauding the efforts of US Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy to crackdown on the issuance of non-domiciled Commercial Driver Licenses (CDL) to illegals – many of whom are not proficient in either reading or speaking English. Horrifyingly, some states have been caught issuing CDLs to ‘No Name Given!’<sup>1</sup> ***This emergency rule change is long overdue!***

We are committed to protecting the safety and sovereignty of Texas roads and highways. The new rule targeting the abuse of non-domiciled Commercial Driver’s Licenses (CDLs) is a bold and necessary move that prioritizes the lives and safety of American citizens.

We share Secretary Duffy’s outrage over the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA) review of state issuances of both CDLs and commercial learner’s permits (CLP) that found **substantial non-compliance** from drivers who live in a state or country with different standards than the state where they are licensed.

**Texas is one of six states in systematic non-compliance for issuing non-domiciled CDLs along with California, Colorado, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Washington.**

American families should not have to worry about unqualified and unlawfully present illegal aliens operating 85,000-pound trucks on public roads! **Texans are fed-up with policies that put political correctness over basic public safety.**

We applaud Secretary Duffy and your administration for taking decisive action and demanding accountability from rogue states. Sir, we believe you will agree that **drivers with**

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<sup>1</sup> Davis, Jack, “Oklahoma Governor Warns Illegals with Sanctuary State Trucking Licenses After State Teams Up with ICE to Arrest 125,” WesternJournal.com, October 4, 2025, <https://www.westernjournal.com/oklahoma-governor-warns-illegals-sanctuary-state-trucking-licenses-state-teams-ice-arrest-125/>

**expired visas and those who are in our country illegally should never have been licensed to drive at all!** This rule is a victory for safety, common sense, and the rule of law.

TURF has been a **vocal opponent of the cross-border trucking program since its implementation under NAFTA.**<sup>2</sup> Under both Democrat and Republican administrations, TURF strongly pushed back against policies that allowed unsafe or inadequately vetted foreign drivers to operate in the U.S. *Despite years of advocacy, federal inaction persisted—until now. Under your leadership we finally see action!*

### **Texas Must Lead by Example**

While Texas has long been a leader in transportation, the undersigned Texas grassroots groups believe this revelation should be a wake-up call.

There is no room for error when it comes to public safety on our highways. Texas must show it is part of the solution—not part of the problem. **After** Secretary Duffy announced his crackdown on September 26, 2025, we were relieved to see the Texas Department of Public Safety announce on September 29, 2025,<sup>3</sup> that Texas will no longer be issuing CDLs to non-citizens. **Continued monitoring of the situation will be necessary** until all trucking companies are following the law and these unsafe licenses are revoked.

### **Citing Public Safety Threats, TX Groups Urge Federal Action on Autonomous Vehicles**

In addition to supporting this critical regulatory reform, our Texas groups also call on the federal government to take **immediate and bold action** regarding the proliferation of **Level 4 and Level 5 Autonomous Vehicles (AVs)** (primarily commercial trucks) that are operating with **no human driver onboard**.

TURF has long warned that fully driverless commercial trucks represent a **grave national security threat**, as well as a ticking time bomb for public safety:

- **Hacking by hostile actors (or nations)** could be weaponized and used to cause catastrophic mass casualties.
- These vehicles **remove human judgment** from high-speed, high-stakes traffic environments.
- The public has had **no voice or consent** in allowing these machines on our roads.

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<sup>2</sup> Hall, Terri, “Texans call for boycott of first foreign-owned toll road,” TexasTURF.org, Nov. 12, 2012, <https://www.texasturf.org/2012-06-01-03-09-30/press-releases/san-antonio/211-texans-call-for-boycott-of-cintra-s-sh-130-tollway?highlight=WyJjcm9zcyIsImJvcnRlcilInRydWNraW5nliwchJvZ3JhbSjd>

<sup>3</sup> Texas Dept. of Public Safety. (2025) DPS Suspends Issuance of Certain Commercial Driver Licenses, <https://www.dps.texas.gov/news/dps-suspends-issuance-certain-commercial-driver-licenses>.

We are deeply concerned that while we work to close dangerous loopholes around foreign CDL holders, Big Tech is quietly replacing them with driverless trucks that are just as – if not more – dangerous.

If a human driver can cause a fatal crash due to negligence, what happens when *there is no driver* and the system fails or is hacked? We have seen the headlines — it's not a matter of *if*, but *when*.

Mr. President, we urge you **to press Congress to take immediate legislative action** to protect all Americans from the dangers of commercial AVs, and also call on the U.S. Department of Transportation to:

- Place an **immediate moratorium** on the operation of fully autonomous commercial vehicles (Levels 4 and 5).
- Conduct a **national security assessment** on the potential weaponization of autonomous trucks.
- Require **public hearings** and state-level input before these technologies are authorized for widespread use.
- Demand **strict cybersecurity standards** for any AI-operated vehicle used in interstate commerce.
- Require a **human driver** to be present in every AV.

Secretary Duffy's emergency action is a pivotal step in restoring integrity and safety to our roads. We urge continued vigilance and transparency—not just for CDL licensing, but for the growing and largely unregulated frontier of autonomous trucking.

**American lives, infrastructure, and national security must not be sacrificed in the name of automation or political expediency.**

We also urge you to end WOKE, weaponized transportation policy that is currently used against ordinary citizens, making travel more expensive and less efficient. Our documentation of these **anti-America First transportation policies** is enclosed.

With sincere appreciation for your historic leadership,

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