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Administrator Anne Ferro  
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Dear Administrator Ferro:

I am writing today to urge you to take all appropriate action to help veterans obtain commercial driver licenses (CDL). Currently, veterans who have military driving experience and/or military CDLs must go through the training and testing that those without experience go through to obtain a Class A CDL. This represents a significant burden for veterans seeking employment.

I believe that helping veterans gain employment is a top priority. I was a lead cosponsor of the Veteran Employment Assistance Act of 2010, which included language that would have allowed veterans to use credentials gained in the military for civilian employment. While that bill was not enacted, in the last Congress I was also a cosponsor of the Veterans Opportunity to Work to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, which required a study to find ways in which the Department of Defense (DoD) can provide, within military training, licensing and credentialing accepted for civilian employment.

Under MAP – 21, FMCSA is required to undertake a study on making the transition to easier licensing and assess ways to relieve the burden of CDL licensing on veterans. I encourage your administration to work to promptly implement the compulsory sections and complete the required survey without delay. I am pleased to see actions taken by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration thus far to ease burdens on veterans and understand that making the transition from military CDLs to Class A CDLs is a priority for you. Please let me know if additional Congressional action would assist your efforts.

I also encourage FMCSA to work with DoD to help ease the transition for veterans between military licenses and civilian CDL licenses. Should you have any questions, please have your staff contact Jeremy Price (202-224-9306) of my staff.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski  
United States Senator