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Dear Ms. Barna,

I am writing this letter to you in support of Mr. Richard Alford, American Road Team Captain for the American Trucking Association and Road Team Captain for ABF Freight System located in Louisville, KY. Mr. Alford has provided invaluable input into our occupational injury prevention consortium established in Kentucky through his insight into the safety and health needs of the American trucker. The membership of Mr. Alford in this consortium is critical for the establishment of priorities for occupational injury illness prevention since motor vehicle collisions are the leading cause of worker death in Kentucky, the transportation industry is the leading industry for musculoskeletal disease incidence, and truck drivers are at greatest risk for occupational injuries, including falls.

Through our partnership with Mr. Alford, and the trucking industry and occupation he represents, one of the consortium's priorities will be to advocate for the construction of rest havens for truckers. Communications of this nature are essential to address the safety needs of truckers, and to raise public awareness of the industries and occupations in Kentucky that are at high risk for work-related injuries and illnesses.

We look forward to the continued participation of Mr. Alford, and the industry and association he represents, in our state-wide consortium to make workers safer in Kentucky.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Joy Howells