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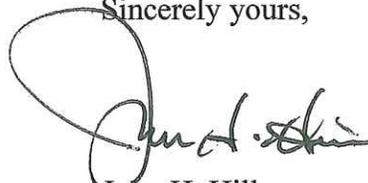
Dear Sheriff Clarke:

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation to the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office for its dedication to enforcing commercial motor vehicle (CMV) regulations and highway safety laws. I recently saw a report where your office launched Operation Broken Spoke in response to recent highway crashes involving CMVs. During this 8-hour event, your deputies stopped CMVs to check for problems with wheels and tires, other loose parts, and missing driver inspection reports. As a result, your deputies checked 58 CMVs and found eight of them to be so unsafe that they were ordered out of service. The success of this CMV safety effort is a direct reflection of your leadership and your commitment to CMV safety. You and your staff are to be commended.

Safety is the top priority of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), and we would not be able to accomplish our safety goals without the efforts of our State and local partners. Efforts like these demonstrate that enforcement activities can have a substantial impact on highway safety in achieving our mutual goal of reducing the incidence of CMV fatalities and serious injuries.

I look forward to a continuing partnership with your office.

Sincerely yours,



John H. Hill

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