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Member of Parliament
Surrey—Newton

February 25, 2020

Office of the British Columbia Trucking Commissioner
1085 Cambie Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 5L7

RE: 2020 License Application Process and Tag Management Policy

Dear Sir/Madam,

On February 23rd, 2020, my office received a letter from the Port Transportation Association (PTA), outlining concerns with the Office of the BC Trucking Commissioner (OBCCTC) and the implementation of the 2020 License Application Process and Tag Management Policy.

The PTA, which represents 40 container trucking companies in British Columbia, are concerned that they will not be able to operate following the introduction a new supplemental, which eliminates smaller container trucking carriers from operating at the Ports of Vancouver.

This new policy will negatively impact those companies who use the current CTC Truck Tag Policy, which permits two companies to create tags together to meet the minimum 5 tag requirement. The new policy would remove the Provisional TLS Tags clause, update the TLS tags targets and essentially eliminate the opportunity for small companies to compete due to the increase to a 10 tag minimum. This will result in larger companies taking business away from smaller companies who have been working for years to establish their customer base.

In the PTA letter dated February 23rd, 2020, the following seven concerns were brought to my attention:

1. "Smaller companies have a much larger per truck investment because most companies own their own equipment and their own trucks;
2. Companies have been working in the port industry for almost their entire life and will not be able to transition into another job;
3. Company equipment that is on lease will be of waste to the company;

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4. All company employees will be laid off;
5. Companies will eventually go bankrupt;
6. Most land that is on lease is long term and cannot be withdrawn;
7. Most importantly, multiple livelihoods will be ruined."

As Canada is built on small and medium sized enterprises, the new OBCCTC policy goes against our country's commitment to fairness and equality.

In order to alleviate and address such concerns, the PTA is proposing a Grandfather Clause, that would protect smaller companies who have been operating for many years.

We are committed to ensuring small companies can flourish.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach me at your convenience at sukh.dhaliwal@parl.gc.ca or 613-992-0666.

Sincerely,

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