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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
PO Box 47250,  
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Dear Commission:

This letter is regarding your recent decision to deny 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Mover LLC's recent application under docket TV-180911.

I have known the applicant for the past 12 months and have served as a business consultant for Mr. Comella through the Washington State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. In this role, I have worked closely with Mr. Comella and have had the opportunity to know him both professionally and personally in this time.

I am writing in support of his application and request that the Commission reverse its position. Mr. Comella's criminal background is a matter of fact. He has made no effort to hide it but rather has spent considerable time reflecting on it and how to make a positive use of his life. He has made a significant commitment to changing the course of his life and has a demonstrated track record of doing so. He maintains a significant support network to back him in this alignment.

Mr. Comella has come to start this venture after a comprehensive analysis of his interests and passions. His past demonstrated work in the moving field supports the venture. His work in the past year to put the elements of this business together has been a significant undertaking, and he has overtly worked with WUTC staff in this process with full disclosure of his background to ensure he would have the opportunity to continue to prove himself worthy of society's trust.

Mr. Comella has worked with the judicial system to meet all of his obligations and has made a large commitment to the changes necessary to be a full contributing participant in society.

I understand that it is at the discretion of the WUTC to look this far back into an applicant's background and deeply appreciate the care and concern of the commission in considering the general public. I request that the same discretion is used in considering the life commitments that Mr. Comella has made since his criminal history and that the WUTC provide him the opportunity to continue to make an active and positive contribution to our region.

Sincerely,

James McCafferty  
Principal