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Honorable Senator Jeanne Kohl
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RE: Deregulation of laws on Moving of
Household goods

Dear Senator Kohl:

I am writing to you as a minority that being a single woman in business and working in a predominant male oriented business. I have been harrassed by Mr. John Foster of the UTC, been followed, threatened to shut me down all because of a law that really isn't rational. It seems that as a moving company, I can move offices, and I can legally move in 7 areas of Seattle, but all other areas I am restricted. This is really a confusing law and needs to be addressed by the House and Senate and deregulated completely.

This law states that I can RENT a truck through a rental agency, go into a home and move it legally, but I cannot own the truck. This is completely absurd.

I know that there is a license that I can apply for but the major moving companies have monopolized and put a hold on this license because like any industry, there is a low season and a peak season, so when you go into court with your license, they claim that they cannot employ all of their employees because of the season. This is not fair, because the larger moving companies want to control the market, and the middle class people, lower income people, and single parents, like myself, should be allowed to pick and choose the company based on price. This law is preventing me from my livelihood and needs to be deregulated. I need to get my license to move household goods, because Mr. John Foster, who is doing his job, will be able to shut me down thereby making it impossible for me to provide a living for myself and my employees.

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I would be more than happy to address this issue with you in person, come to Olympia and address the Senate. Mr. Foster told me that he is trying to deregulate the moving industry and that legislation is agreeing. I would like to know just exactly what is being done, and I need this information immediately as I have 30 days to answer Mr. John Foster and need to get my license immediately to continue in my business. Now, as a small business, I have to go further into debt and rent my trucks to do my business and make a living. I pay my taxes, comply with all laws and now I am being prohibited by a ridiculous law of the UTC.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

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