

Write Your Own Letter to Secretary Mineta:

ATU CDL members are urged to write to Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta to ask him to reconsider the new CDL regulation (see above) which could needlessly put many ATU members and other CDL holders out of work. A sample letter is provided below that members may use as the basis of a letter they write in their own words. The letter can also be sent electronically by going to <http://www.unionvoice.org/campaign/cdl>, or clicking on the appropriate link on the ATU website, atu.org.

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Date:

The Honorable Norman Mineta
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
500 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Docket Nos. FMCSA-2001-9709 and FMCSA-2000-7382 - 634

FMCSA-2004-9709-597

Dear Secretary Mineta:

As a transit worker, and a member of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), I strongly urge you to **reconsider the new rule** recently issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) (67 FR 49742), requiring States to disqualify a commercial drivers' license (CDL) holder from driving a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) if they are convicted of certain serious traffic violations committed while operating a non-CMV.

Under this new rule, I could lose my CDL, and thus my job, if I receive more than one speeding ticket within a three year period while operating my own personal vehicle, regardless of whether my State revokes my personal drivers' license. This was clearly not the intent of Congress, which authorized the FMCSA to require the disqualification of a CDL holder's CMV driving privileges **only** after the person has been **both convicted and has had his/her non-commercial drivers' license revoked, cancelled or suspended by the State.**

Please, reconsider this rule and amend its provisions to conform with the requirements set forth by Congress. **My job could be at stake!**

Sincerely,

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