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RE: Docket HM-200; Hazardous Materials in Intrastate Transportation

I am a producer in Grundy county, Illinois. During the growing season, I sometimes transport hazardous agrichemicals to my farm as vital part of my agricultural production business. It is my belief that requiring me to placard, have shipping papers and a 24 hour phone number for these seasonal shipments on rural roads is unnecessary and will provide little to no benefit to public safety when compared to the increased cost these rules will have on farmers. My local FS Cooperative regularly conducts training for emergency responders regarding agrichemical transportation incidents, and believes that placarding, shipping papers and phone numbers will do little to enhance the ability of these responders to effectively handle an emergency.

Federal rules should be written to recognize the needs of producers in Illinois and in other agricultural states. I urge you to enact a regulation that will establish an agricultural exception from portions of the federal hazardous materials regulations.

Sincerely,

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