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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
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Dear Governor Newsom,

I write to inquire about the steps your administration has taken to implement critical reforms to the non-domiciled Commercial Driver's License ("CDL") and Commercial Learner's Permit ("CLP") issuance process and comply with federal guidelines. Under your leadership, lax regulations and oversight failures have enabled abuse by illegal foreign drivers who violate immigration laws and overstay their visas.

On September 26, 2025, the U.S. Department of Transportation ("Department") issued an emergency action to limit eligibility for non-domiciled CDLs and CLPs due to persistent abuse of loopholes and inadequate oversight.¹ A federal audit revealed especially shocking abuses in California, where more than one in four non-domiciled CDLs were falsely issued.² After initial denial, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announced the long-overdue revocation of 17,000 non-domiciled CDLs and CLPs held by unauthorized foreign drivers who were able to illegally retain these privileges beyond their legal stay. This loophole has perpetuated federal law violations, fraud, and abuse.

California's improper issuance and oversight of these CDLs and CLPs pose a direct threat to public safety. Illegal immigrants holding these licenses and permits have engaged in reckless driving and caused accidents, injuring multiple people and claiming lives, including a fatal crash this October in Southern California.³ It is alarming that these licenses were improperly issued and irresponsibly maintained. As the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's audit of all non-domiciled CDLs and CLPs continues, I expect your administration's full compliance to close all loopholes, revoke any illegally issued licenses, and rectify the longstanding failures. Failure to take corrective actions in a timely manner will risk cuts to Federal highway funding which is important for California communities.

I respectfully request responses to the following questions:

1. For what purpose were CDLs and CLPs issued – or still deemed valid – beyond a foreign driver's legal stay in the United States?
 - a. Was there any effort made to align CDL and CLP expiration dates with visa expiration dates?
2. What steps is your administration taking or planning to take to conduct the full audit of all non-domiciled CDLs and CLPs issued by the state as required by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration?
3. How did the California DMV identify the 17,000 illegal non-domiciled CDLs and CLPs still in use?
 - a. What specific policy and procedural errors allowed for these licenses to remain in use?
4. What corrective mechanism has your administration implemented or planned to implement to ensure CDLs and CLPs automatically expire once a foreign driver's work permit ends?
5. What steps is your administration taking to ensure compliance with the Department's May 2025 guidelines on English language proficiency for commercial truck drivers?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Y. Kim', is positioned above a thin vertical line.

Young Kim
Member of Congress