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Chair Lori Den Hartog -Transportation Committee
Idaho State Senate
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Chair Den Hartog and members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

As the Chairman of the Idaho Transportation Department's Trucking Advisory Council (TAC), we encourage your committee's support of the department's proposal to increase the length of a commercial learner's permit (CLP) from six months to one year.

The TAC believes this change, which is supported through federal statute, will allow applicants the opportunity to better hone the necessary skills to operate a commercial vehicle, should they feel the need, and eliminate the unnecessary burden and cost in obtaining two six-month permits if an applicant is unable to complete the commercial driver's license (CDL) requirements prior to the expiration of the first permit.

The TAC believes this change affords much needed flexibility to prospective commercial drivers, thereby encouraging and supporting new driver recruitment, which is crucial in today's trucking industry. For example, many trucking companies require new drivers to complete annual training. With the current six-month period, new drivers often arrive to these companies with expired CLPs, which is the source of frustration amongst the industry. This change would help alleviate this issue.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Pocock', written in a cursive style.

John Pocock
Chairman – Idaho Trucking Advisory Council