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Dear Mr. Vieveen:

Oregon OSHA received from North America Traffic, Inc. a petition titled: "Official Request for Changes to OSHA Regulations", dated March 28, 2019 and received in our office April 8, 2019.

Per Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 183.390, the agency invited public comment on whether or not the agency should engage in rulemaking on the petition, as well as whether there were options for achieving the substantive goals of the rule in a way that reduces the negative economic impact on businesses. Upon receiving the addendum to your petition, dated May 29, 2019 and received in our office June 1, 2019, we re-opened our public comment period to comments regarding information contained in the addendum. We received comments in support of the petition, as well as a larger number of comments questioning both the timing and the substance of the suggested rulemaking.

Oregon OSHA had 90 days from receipt to review and make a decision regarding your petition. ORS 183.390(1). At this time, Oregon OSHA is denying your petition for rulemaking. We do not believe the petition and the record assembled in response to it justify immediate rulemaking without consideration of the other, broader potential rulemaking activities concerning construction work zone activities and other subjects that would demand many, if not all, of the same technical resources.

However, as we consider our rulemaking agenda for the next five to six years (which we are developing over the coming months), we will consider these issues further, and it is reasonably likely that our five-year plan will include potential rulemaking on construction work zones, including the safety of workers addressed in your petition.

Thank you for submitting your petition; we sincerely appreciate the opportunity to discuss this issue both among ourselves and with the public. Please feel free to reach out to Oregon OSHA at any time if you would like to further discuss our rulemaking agenda.

Sincerely,

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