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Re: IRRC #3041

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I write to support the inclusion of a consumer protection ruling to require a Domiciliary Requirement for carriers.

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) has proposed to eliminated or modify at least six (6) current requirements for intrastate Household Goods Carriers in Pennsylvania, increase insurance requirements to make them consistent with Federal Regulations, and keep only one consumer protection, which is the requirement to establish technical and financial ability to serve.

While I support the PUC'S overall effort to remove competitive barriers and increase competition, the Household Goods moving business is going through substantial changes and may experience volatile changes in their markets, which would be better served by adding a provision to maintain a level playing field for new competition. The service is rarely used by most consumers, so it should have certain protections for those consumers to make up for lack of consumer knowledge, especially during this transition stage.

Having a Domiciliary Requirement for service providers would protect consumers, provide a level competitive playing field, and bring stability to the market during the proposed major changes to the competitive marketplace. It would protect consumers by having a physical, tangible location where operations occur to visit or assess if penalties are determined due to illegal activity. It would provide a level competitive playing field by matching our neighboring state's rules, which would aid Pennsylvania-based businesses. And, finally, it would bring stability to the market during the proposed market-affecting change period.



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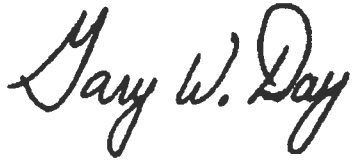
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Thank you for your time and careful consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary W. Day". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "G" and "D".

Gary W. Day.
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