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Secretary Rosemary Chiavetta  
Office of the Secretary  
PA Public Utility Commission  
P.O. Box 3265  
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RE: Pennsylvania PUC proposed regulation #57-298 "Household Goods in Use Carriers and Property Carriers" (IRRC #3041)

Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

I am the fourth generation owner of Clemmer Moving and Storage, Inc. We have been in business since 1904 and are located in the Philadelphia/Allentown market areas. Change can be difficult and while some proposed changes may be long overdue. I am strongly opposed to the proposed regulation as it now stands for the following reasons:

The New Jersey Public Utility Commission regulates the moving industry in the state of New Jersey. Pennsylvania based movers like myself are not able to obtain NJ PUC operating authority unless we establish and operate out of a physical location based within New Jersey and have equipment licensed within the state. This proposed regulation would cause economic distress to the state of Pennsylvania as it would allow New Jersey movers to obtain operating authority to cross the river and perform Pennsylvania Intra-state relocations without making any investment to our state.

The end result is that New Jersey movers would have the authority to operate in Pennsylvania; however Pennsylvania movers would not have the authority to operate in New Jersey. This proposition is clearly unfair, harmful and discriminatory towards Pennsylvania movers and our employees. The moving industry in the state of Pennsylvania generates a great deal of revenue for the state and as previously stated, the economic impact this will have on the state of Pennsylvania is severe and unnecessary. In addition to the lost revenue, this will take jobs out of Pennsylvania and relocate them along with the tax dollars across the river into New Jersey. This needs to be addressed and revised immediately. Pennsylvania movers deserve a level playing field to stay competitive.

My other objection to this proposed regulation is the minimal fine for movers operating without the proper operating authority. The Moving Industry is one that requires great responsibility and trust. Our customers allow us to enter their homes and depend on us to move all of their valued belongings safely. There is no place for rouge movers in this business and I believe the fine levied upon unlicensed movers is too low to be much of a deterrent. The fine levied upon these unlicensed movers needs to be substantially greater for it to be effective.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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