



March 20, 2020

Via Elaine.Chao@dot.gov & US Mail

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: EMERGENCY REQUEST: life-threatening dangers on the road now call for immediate Federal preemption of state/local gun restrictions on truckers as they constitute unreasonable interference with interstate commerce

Madam Secretary,

We know you have your hands full right now. But with the crisis worsening by the hour... with two states now having issued stay at home orders affecting 20% of Americans, causing metropolitan areas to now be desolate, and with cities like New York and Los Angeles releasing criminals from jails, now more than ever are there significant life threatening dangers to the men and women who drive trucks as America's supply chain first responders.

Therefore, in accordance with the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, we hereby request the U.S. Department of Transportation please issue a preemption order nullifying any and all state and local laws that restrict truck drivers from carrying firearms across state lines throughout America in order to enable them to protect themselves and their cargo as they engage in interstate commerce.

As this is now a matter of life and death, please issue same forthwith.

Sincerely,

/s/ JAMES LAMB
SBTC Executive Director