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### **To Our Partners in Safety: U.S. Motor Carriers and Owner Operators**

The 2002 Winter Olympic Games came to a close with nationwide recognition bestowed on Salt Lake City for its safe, secure, and efficient transportation system during the Games. Your direct efforts behind the scenes contributed to these successes, and I extend my gratitude and appreciation.

In the months leading up to the Games, the Utah Trucking Association and the Salt Lake Organizing Committee held several widely attended outreach sessions in and around Salt Lake City to advise motor carriers where and when to expect increased volumes of Olympic-related traffic. During these sessions, our FMCSA Utah Division Office and its partners at the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and the Utah Highway Patrol asked you to help by voluntarily avoiding the high-traffic corridors, scheduling delivery times around events, and routing thru-traffic around Salt Lake City.

The post-Games assessment of the region's transportation system proved you understood the importance of these requests and took positive action. UDOT reports indicated that its Ports of Entry in Northern Utah experienced significantly lower than average truck and bus traffic during the Games, while its Southern Ports of Entry saw an increase during that same period. This was an indication that commercial vehicle traffic had certainly been routed around Salt Lake City. The apparent safe and efficient movement of Olympic traffic exceeded the most optimistic projections.

While these actions, making traffic flow smoothly, may not have been readily apparent to spectators and athletes, your actions have not gone unnoticed. I congratulate you on your significant contributions resulting in a safe, secure, and efficient transportation system in support of the Olympics. These contributions culminated in moving tens of thousands of people without a single significant Olympic-related truck or bus crash during the 21-day period of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

Thanks again! I look forward to continually working with you to further improve the safety, security, and efficiency of motor carrier transportation.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Clapp