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To: Apprenticeship Board of Ontario
Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

The Owner-Operator's Business Association of Canada (OBAC) is pleased to endorse the proposal to designate truck driving as an apprenticeable trade in Ontario. We believe the concept of a voluntary unrestricted apprenticeship program is an excellent way to develop the skills of incoming drivers.

OBAC's interest in this initiative extends to the development of professional drivers who may eventually buy trucks of their own and become owner-operators. It's imperative that these individuals begin their careers with sound training – first at the driving schools and then in a real-world environment. OBAC believes that the best way to train a successful owner-operator is to start with a solid foundation, built upon mentoring and hands-on instruction delivered by experienced drivers with a stake in the quality of the future driver pool. Success in the trucking business doesn't happen by accident.

Should this initiative move ahead, we would also be pleased to support the Industry Council that will be set up to advise the Director of the Apprenticeship Board. We have a number of senior, more experienced drivers among our membership who can bring considerable knowledge and insight to the table when an apprenticeship program is being developed.

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