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To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter of support from the Wisconsin Towing Association in regards to Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket ID FMCSA-2015-0238, which is a request being submitted by TowMate LLC for an exemption from 49 CFR 393.23.

If granted, the exemption would allow motor carriers to operate rechargeable wireless temporary stop, turn, and tail lighting systems during temporary emergency towing operations in lieu of hard-wired temporary stop, tail, and turn signal lighting systems. The members of the Wisconsin Towing Association believe the use of such wireless systems would be of great benefit to the industry, both from a safety and expediency of use perspective. Put into practical terms, the time required to install hard-wired systems means more time for a tow operator to be out on the side of the road or highway, and at greater risk for being struck and injured by a passing motorist. A wireless lighting system would alleviate that concern.

Thank you for your consideration and review of this exemption request and allowing the Wisconsin Towing Association to express its full support.

Sincerely,

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