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Dear Minister

We are writing with reference to your letter of 25 February 2014 to Richard Burden MP regarding the Operator Compliance Risk Score.

We are a group of campaigning and charitable organisations which meets regularly on the issue of lorry safety and vulnerable road users.

We are very pleased to learn from your letter that the DfT is now reviewing all datasets which are not currently published and considering which could be published, including the Operator Compliance Risk Score (OCRS).

We fully support making the OCRS public. It is common practice now for operators, when they are employing drivers, to check their CRB records as well as their driving license records. We believe it is important that a comparable situation should exist, whereby construction companies who are sub-contracting logistics works on their projects could check the safety record of the potential sub-contractors and verify whether the company is a safe operator, or not. We believe that this will have the effect of ensuring that operators do give a higher priority to their working practices, and thus have the effect of driving up safety standards in the construction industry generally.

We have spoken about this to several of the larger operators with whom we work and they do not have a problem with this as they already have the appropriate policies and practices in place. At a recent Transport for London meeting, about the follow-up to TfL's Construction Logistics research, the Traffic Commissioner for London and the South East said that the majority of current referrals to him relate to smaller operators. We must ensure that their standards mirror those of the larger companies who have already signed up to, and implemented, the recommendations of the TfL report on the Management of Work Related Road Risk. This would help to ensure that the whole supply chain is responding appropriately to the higher industry standards.

Yours sincerely

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