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**Subject: Excessive Recreational Vehicle Hauler Fee Increase**

Can you help us? I am writing on behalf of the Recreational Vehicle Hauler owners residing in Oregon.

The annual registration fee for my 2003 Freightliner FL60 RV Hauler in 2009 was \$215.00. The annual registration fee for 2010 was increased to \$438.00 (see enclosed copies of registration certificates). This is a 104% increase in one year. I use the Freightliner medium duty truck to haul my fifth wheel RV trailer from park to park and drive around town when I stay at the RV Park. I do not use it commercially. I only drive it about 5000 miles per year. The truck is physically much smaller than the class 7 and 8 trucks that haul over the road commercially. It is physically just a little larger than a pickup truck.

Additionally, we are under an unfair licensing program when we have to pay an exorbitant annual, rather than biannual, fee for our Haulers. This annual fee is much greater than that of our fellow RVers who choose to haul their RV trailers with pickup trucks and only pay biannual fees. We haul with the medium duty truck as it is heavier duty and safer than the pickup. We have chosen safety and are penalized because of it through these outrageous fees.

I am retired, on a fixed income, and could have never foreseen this outrageous RV Hauler fee increase. During our working years we retired Oregon residents have paid the reasonable vehicle fees for driving to and from our jobs, taking kids to school, and living the life of a working citizen. We have planned our retirement out meticulously and are now living the retired RV life.

It is obviously unfair to surprise us with this exorbitant tax when we drive our haulers so little and for a non commercial purpose. We normally move around between long term stays at our homes and/or RV parks. Then, when our RV is parked we will use our RV Haulers to drive to and from shopping and sightseeing.

I contacted Oregon DMV online and at a field office. They could not help me but the field office told me to appeal to the Oregon governor's office. I am now appealing to you Governor Kulongoski, legislators, RV organizations, and anyone else who may be able to help us. Please first repeal the 104% fee increase for our RV Haulers. Second please move our medium duty truck RV Haulers to the same biannual, lower fee category of those RVers who haul with less safe pickup trucks. On behalf of my fellow RVers in the state of Oregon I ask you to deal with us reasonably.

Sincerely, Jack Clark

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