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The Honorable Charles Schumer  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senator Schumer:

The American Moving and Storage Association (AMSA) supports "Jason's Law", S. 971, which will provide safe and secure truck parking at a time when there is a critical lack of long-term parking along the National Highway System. We are pleased with the legislation's focus on corridors where safe motor vehicle parking deficiency is most severe. Truck parking and safety problems are a major concern of our members from across the country, and Jason's Law will address the shortage of safe truck parking for our drivers on the nation's highways.

Drivers in professional moving services are forced to park in unsafe locations because truck stops and rest areas are full, shut down or have time limits that do not allow them to fulfill their Hours-of-Service requirement. S. 971 will allow our drivers to follow the federal driving safety rules without risking their lives by upgrading security systems, adding more truck parking at facilities, and informing drivers of available parking through computer transportation systems.

The American Moving & Storage Association is the trade association representing the nation's moving and storage companies, which provide household goods moving services, specialized transportation for sensitive freight such as computers and trade show exhibits, and warehouse storage services. The association has 3,200 members, and sponsors programs and activities that promote consumer protection, professional development, safety, and operational efficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul C. Oakley".

Paul C. Oakley  
Senior Vice President, Government Affairs  
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