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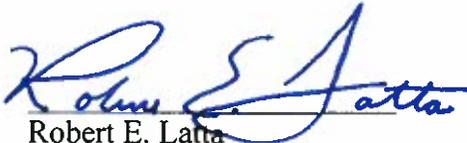
Dear Secretary Foxx:

With the ongoing distribution challenges that have resulted in a propane shortage throughout Ohio and the Midwest, we respectfully request the Department of Transportation (DOT) extend the hours of service emergency exemption. We further request the agency continue to work with other federal agencies, state officials and impacted stakeholders in order to find a swift and responsible solution.

As you are aware, the emergency exemption is set to expire on February 11, 2014. According to recent predictions by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA), the extreme cold weather conditions being experienced throughout the Midwest are not expected to subside any time soon. These harsh winter storms are threatening the lives and livelihoods of our constituents as many homes and farming operations depend on heat from propane. Without needed supplies, the situation will quickly go from critical to dire. An extension of the emergency exemption will enable the delivery of propane to those most in need as quickly as possible.

We appreciate the DOT's continued efforts to remedy the situation. We stand ready to assist you in any way in order to bring much-needed relief to all impacted Ohioans.

Sincerely,


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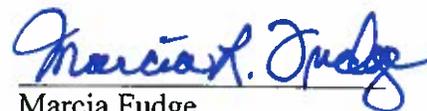
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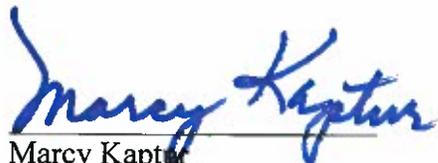
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