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Thank you, members of the committee, for the opportunity to speak today on Senate Bill 247.

As of October 2010, federal law requires commercial drivers to be suspended for no fewer than 180 days when convicted of violating an out-of-service order when transporting nonhazardous materials. Current Wisconsin law only requires a minimum of 90 days disqualification for violation of an out-of-service order.

An out-of-service order is generally issued for violation of the 11, 14, or 70 hour rules that limit the total hours a commercial operator may drive during specified periods of time. These violations are typically rare, due to the long-standing rules and the severity of the penalties.

DOT has indicated that failure to comply with the federal out-of-service regulations would result in the loss of more than \$25 million in federal funds in the first year, and double that amount thereafter.

I would like to thank the committee members for the opportunity to speak on this topic, and would be happy to answer any questions at this time.

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