

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Governor Gavin Newsom
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Dear Governor Newsom:

On September 2nd, 2026, an Ohioan lost their life because an illegal alien, Manjit Singh, entered the United States illegally on October 23rd, 2023, and was awarded a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) by the State of California. According to reports, Mr. Singh was speeding excessively and driving on the wrong side of the road, with "ample time and space to merge back," but instead, the community is left reeling after this senseless loss of life. ¹

Illegal immigrants have no place in our country, let alone on our nation's roads behind the wheel of an 80,000 pound truck. Legal CDL drivers across the United States undergo rigorous training and pass skills and knowledge tests to prove they meet the qualifications needed to operate a commercial motor vehicle. When states like California ignore these qualifications and issue CDLs to individuals like Mr. Singh, the failed policies cause devastating consequences and lead to the death of innocent Americans. California's sanctuary state policies, which you have long championed, are continuing to cause havoc and devastation across the United States. It is as dangerous as it is unacceptable.

Unfortunately, this is not the first time that California's failed policies have resulted in the deaths of innocent Americans. In 2025, California awarded Jashanpreet Singh, an illegal immigrant who crossed the border during the Biden Administration, a non-domiciled CDL. Because of your failed policies, this individual was allowed behind the wheel of a big rig, eventually causing an accident that tragically killed three people and injured four others. ² Not only was he an illegal immigrant who was granted a CDL by your state, but he also lacked English proficiency, requiring an interpreter in court, showcasing that Mr. Singh does not possess the ability to read the road signs, the basic requirement to drive on the road. ³

Thankfully, the Trump Administration has sought to repair damages done by both the previous Administration and states like yours, which allowed illegal immigrants, like Manjit Singh, to obtain a CDL. It is disheartening that the State of California did not prioritize ensuring that United States citizens obtain CDLs. Instead, your state allowed more than twenty-five percent of non-domiciled CDLs to be improperly issued, including Mr. Singh's. ⁴ Last week's tragedy sadly proves yet again that additional oversight is needed in states like California.

To prevent future accidents from happening in our communities, keep our nation's roads safe, and to provide transparency for the victim's family, we seek the following information within seven days of receiving this letter:

- (1) What steps did the State of California Department of Motor Vehicles take to ensure that Mr. Singh was lawfully granted a CDL?

¹ <https://www.wlwt.com/article/brown-county-deadly-crash-pleasant-township-head-on-collision/73602258>

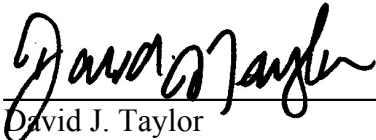
² <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/bombshell-report-trumps-transportation-secretary-sean-p-duffy-finds-california-broke>

³ <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/us/punjabi-truck-driver-jashanpreet-singh-pleads-not-guilty-in-us-requires-a-translator-for-next-hearing/articleshow/124812637.cms>

⁴ <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/trumps-transportation-secretary-sean-p-duffy-takes-emergency-action-protect-americas>

- (2) Was Mr. Singh granted a CDL with an expiration date after the expiration date of the legal presence documents provided to the California DMV?
- (3) If so, what steps will California take to prevent this from happening again?
- (4) Did California know that Mr. Singh was in the country illegally?
- (5) Were the proper tests of both English proficiency and road sign knowledge done before granting this CDL?
- (6) What were the results of those tests?
- (7) Following this disturbing pattern of accidents caused by California CDL holders, will you commit to working with the Trump Administration to ensure additional illegal immigrants have not been granted CDLs in your state?

Sincerely,



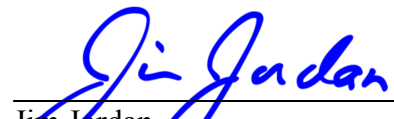
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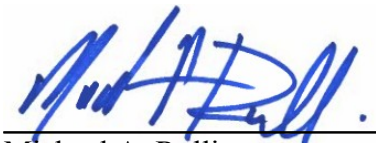
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