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May 6th, 2003

Prepared Statements for Assembly Committee

1:30 PM, Assembly Transportation
Room 3143. Assembly Transportation Committee
Bills to be heard: SB192, SB478, SB481, SB482.

Good Afternoon Chairwoman Chowning and Committee Members.

My name is Merritt Wiley and I am the General Sales Manager for Valley North American in Reno, the local agent for North American Van Lines. Our organization has been operating in Nevada since 1966, with current ownership since 1983.

We are a fully regulated and certificated carrier of household goods and provide relocation services to business, the military and general public.

Our company invests heavily in quality employee programs, training, background checks, drug & alcohol testing, vehicle maintenance, insurance, Nevada economic development efforts, community projects, student sport programs and charity, to mention a few. Every worldwide North American Van Lines agent is bound to the high standards that TSA regulates within Nevada.

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DATE: 5/06/03 ROOM: 3143 EXHIBIT D
SUBMITTED BY: Merritt Wiley

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Illegal, unregulated carriers disrespect our friends, neighbors, family members, local businesses and laws on a regular basis. Further, they rarely re-invest in our communities like the regulated carriers do.

With present budgetary and regulatory restrictions, the hard working individuals at TSA are unable to perform functions that prevent our Great State from being exploited by unscrupulous carriers. Impound authority is a critical beginning, but only a beginning, and it must be complimented with qualified staff, in sufficient numbers, to adequately enforce the provisions of SB 192 and existing regulations.

Valley North American has first-hand knowledge of the backlogged conditions at TSA. These delays work against lawful carriers and their employees. On the other hand, they work very much in favor of the illegal carriers we should be trying to rid the State of. A re-focusing of efforts, by carrier type, is essential.

In short, Valley North American fully supports the passage of SB 192, with one exception. We would like the term "vehicle" changed to read **"motor vehicle, as defined by NRS 482.075"** in section 5, paragraph 1.

My notes and regulatory citations can be found on the following 2 pages.

Thank you for allowing me to speak this afternoon. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Senate Bill No. 192

TO : Ms. Vonne S. Chowning, Chairwoman, Assembly Transportation Committee;
and all members of the Nevada Assembly Transportation Committee
FROM: Merritt Wiley, General Sales Manager, Valley North American
DATE : May 6, 2003
RE : Requested changes to SB 192

On behalf of Valley North American, agents for North American Van Lines, and Nevada certificated carriers of household goods at large, we respectfully request the following revisions be made to SB 192:

Section 5, paragraph 1 should be amended to read:

A fully regulated carrier shall pay to the authority a fee of not more than \$200 per year for each **“motor”** vehicle **“as defined by NRS 482.075,”** that the Authority has authorized the carrier to operate.

EXPLANATION

The definition of a “motor vehicle” in NRS 482.075 is clear; a vehicle that is self-propelled.

The definition of a “vehicle” in NRS 482.135 is unclear and could include a variety of equipment that is owned by a household goods carrier that is used, rarely used and never used for the transport of household goods. Examples include trailers, debris trailers, recycle trailers and other specialized equipment without motive power.

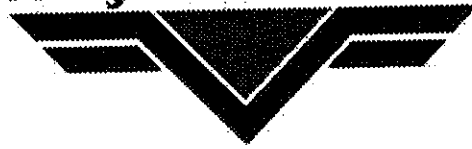
Should the definition of NRS 482.135 be applied, it would create a tremendous disparity between the fees of fully regulated carrier types.

Regulatory citations follow on page two.

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REGULATORY CITATIONS

NRS 482.075 "Motor vehicle" defined. "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle as defined in NRS 482.135 which is self-propelled.

[Part 1:202:1931; A 1951, 165; 1953, 280]

NRS 482.135 "Vehicle" defined.

1. "Vehicle" means every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway, excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

2. The term does not include mobile homes or commercial coaches as defined in chapter 489 of NRS.

[Part 1:202:1931; A 1951, 165; 1953, 280]—(NRS A 1979, 1222)