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## To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to you in support of SB 2206. This bill is needed to help protect our industry from an increased number of frivolous lawsuits and nuclear verdicts. Over the years our company has been involved in simple incidents that have ended up with the threat of a million-dollar lawsuit. One example was that we had a driver attempt a lane change and took a mirror off and caused minor damage to the vehicle amounting to less than \$2,500.00. Police report was taken, no injuries were claimed. The driver immediately went to a law firm known for suing trucking companies and filled a one-million-dollar lawsuit claiming neck and back injuries. This suit was eventually dropped but there's more examples like this where we have had to pay out and settle to avoid going to court when no suit should have even been filed. The trucking industry has a target on its back and needs better protection. Thank you for your time and support for this bill.

Sincerely,

Kelly Altendorf

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