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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECOGNITION AND
AUTHORIZATION OF NON-DOMICILED COMMERCIAL
DRIVER LICENSES FOR INTRASTATE COMMERCIAL
OPERATIONS IN WASHINGTON STATE**

WHEREAS, Washington State relies on a diverse and highly skilled commercial driving workforce to provide essential public transportation, school transportation, freight movement, and other critical services that support the state's economy and communities; and,

WHEREAS, many commercial drivers employed in Washington are lawfully authorized to work in the United States and have obtained non-domiciled Commercial Driver Licenses (CDLs) after meeting all applicable federal and state licensing, knowledge, skills testing, medical certification, and safety requirements; and,

WHEREAS, changes to federal policy governing the issuance and renewal of non-domiciled CDLs have created uncertainty for many legally authorized workers whose immigration status does not fall within the limited categories recognized under the federal rule; and,

WHEREAS, the loss of non-domiciled CDL eligibility may reduce the number of qualified commercial drivers available to provide public transit, school transportation, passenger transportation, and other essential commercial services within Washington State; and,

WHEREAS, Washington employers, transit agencies, school districts, contractors, labor organizations, and the traveling public benefit from maintaining a local, stable, experienced, and safety-qualified commercial driving workforce; and,

WHEREAS, all commercial drivers operating within Washington should continue to meet applicable training, testing, medical, insurance, and safety requirements established by law; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Washington has a compelling interest in ensuring continuity of essential transportation services and preventing unnecessary workforce disruptions that could negatively affect employers, employees, passengers, students, and local communities; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Washington State Labor Council will support the efforts of affiliates to develop solutions that allow qualified non-domiciled commercial drivers to continue operating commercial motor vehicles and preserve Washington's high standard for commercial safety, testing, medical certifications, and background screening; and be it finally,

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor of Washington, the President of the Washington State Senate, the Speaker of the Washington State House of Representatives, the Director of the Washington State Department of Licensing, the Washington State Department of Transportation, and other appropriate public officials for their consideration.

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