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Exemption Granted from Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for Pipeline Industry Welding Trucks

Local 798 is very excited to let you know that President Obama Signed into law this past Friday an exemption to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) covering virtually all of the rig-equipped trucks that UA welders own and operate in the pipeline industry. This exemption is part of a bipartisan highway bill (the "FAST Act") that was approved by Congress last week.

The new exemption applies to welder-owned pick-up-style trucks below 15,000 pounds that are equipped with a welding machine and are used in the construction or maintenance of pipelines. The vehicle, the welder, and the welder's employer are all exempt from registration requirements, driver qualification requirements, and hours of service rules, among other things.

This is victory for all pipeline welders and is a result of a lot of hard work by the UA, PLCA, Local 798, and you doing your part when called on, submitting letters and calling your representatives.

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