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**TO:** Superintendent, Virginia State Police  
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Cline'.

**SUBJECT: LIMITED EXEMPTION OF HOURS WORKED FOR CARRIERS  
TRANSPORTING ESSENTIAL RELIEF SUPPLIES, PROVIDING ESSENTIAL  
SERVICES AND/OR RESTORATION OF UTILITIES**

As a result of continuing cold temperatures and consecutive winter storms, which has caused an increased demand for emergency relief supplies, restoration of utilities and essential service deliveries, supplies are running behind demand. These restorations and deliveries are critical and unless additional hours worked are allowed the demand for service will not be met, potentially causing health issues and/or life-threatening situations.

Therefore, I am authorizing appropriate exemptions prescribed by the Code of Federal Regulations and corresponding state regulations for the transportation and delivery of emergency relief supplies, restoration of utilities (electricity, gas, phone, water, wastewater, and cable) and essential services deliveries (e.g., food delivery, refuse collection, feed for livestock and poultry), throughout the Commonwealth.

These exemptions are granted for the period beginning 5:00pm February 10, 2010, and continuing until 5:00pm February 28, 2010, or whenever the crisis has abated, whichever is soonest.

This information is for immediate dissemination to preclude inadvertent ticketing or detention. Multi-agency support and cooperation is appreciated. If there are any questions, please contact the Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT) Coordinator at (804) 674-2400.

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