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Secretary Hal Taylor
Alabama Law Enforcement Agency
201 South Union Street
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Dear Secretary Taylor:

In recent weeks, Alabama has experienced a significant increase in fuel prices, creating significant economic hardships for all Alabamians. The increase in diesel fuel prices has been particularly sharp relative to other fuel prices, directly affecting Alabama's agricultural and timber industries. In response to these extraordinary circumstances, I am requesting that the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) and other enforcement agencies temporarily adjust its enforcement priorities concerning the use of dyed diesel fuel.

Many Alabama farmers and timber operators maintain on-site supplies of dyed diesel fuel for nontaxable, off-road use. Temporarily refocusing enforcement activity related to the use of dyed diesel fuel will provide meaningful relief to Alabama's agricultural and timber industries.

Accordingly, for the next 120 days, ALEA shall prioritize and conduct commercial motor vehicle (CMV) inspections that present a threat to public safety rather than conducting CMV inspections to identify the use of dyed diesel fuel in CMVs. By copy of this letter, I also direct the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue to request dyed diesel fuel penalty relief from the Internal Revenue Service.

I appreciate your leadership in implementing these temporary measures and helping Alabama's agricultural and timber industries during this critical time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Ivey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kay Ivey
Governor

cc: Mary Martin Mitchell, Commissioner of the Department of Revenue
John Cooper, Director of the Department of Transportation