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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

THE HONORABLE JOSEPH M. SOUKI, CHAIR  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1225 scheduled for hearing on February 4, 2009

Testimony of Roy Catalani,  
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Chair Souki, Vice Chair Awana, and Members of the House Transportation Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1225 (**HB 1225**).

Young Brothers, Limited (**Young Brothers**) offers comments on this bill, which creates a Transportation Carrier Commission to regulate water and motor carriers and removes these carriers from the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission (the **PUC**). The bill's stated objective is "to enable the public utilities commission to place more focus on energy utility regulatory and renewable energy programs."

Despite the stated legislative objective, the need for HB 1225 still remains unclear to Young Brothers, as does whether the concerns and purposes apply equally to water carriers and to motor carriers. Under the existing statutory structure, the PUC has amassed a long history of regulatory practice and expertise with respect to water carriers, as well as with respect to energy utilities and other public utilities. Establishing another, separate commission would require replicating the infrastructure of the PUC at great expense, but without the embedded regulatory and administrative expertise, which would take several years to develop.

In short, Young Brothers will continue to analyze the bill and work with the Committee, but suggests that it may be worthwhile to determine whether there might be other possible measures less drastic than the creation of a new state agency to achieve the same legislative objective. We would be happy to join in such an undertaking, should this Committee decide it has merit.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.