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Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte  
 and the Honorable Council  
 State House  
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

## REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to MOP 1200 I. (D), authorize the Department of Safety, Division of State Police to **Retroactively** pay annual membership dues of \$10,300.00 to the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) (VC#275894-B001), Washington, D.C., for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. Effective January 1, 2025 and upon Governor and Council approval. Funding source: 86% Federal Funds 14% Highway Funds.

Funding is available in the SFY 2025 operating budget.

02-23-23-234010-31060000 Dept of Safety Div. of State Police MCSAP Grant	<u>SFY 2025</u>
026-500251 Organizational Dues	\$10,300.00
Activity Code: 2323MCSP	

## EXPLANATION

This item is **Retroactive** due to the time needed to process the request and the December G&C schedule.

Membership in CVSA is critical to the performance of State Police Motor Carrier Troopers' commercial vehicle enforcement duties. All State Police Motor Carrier Troopers must be certified to perform North American Standard commercial motor vehicle inspections, and this training program is approved by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance. There is a high level of quality and consistency required to achieve this certification. Membership also allows our Motor Carrier certified Troopers the opportunity to have direct input into the making and revision of rules and laws for commercial vehicles.

The CVSA is an association of member states, Canada, and Mexico. It works with these governments to improve commercial vehicle safety and promote uniformity in the enforcement of safety regulations and rules for passenger carriers and hazardous materials transportation. It establishes a framework for uniformity, compatibility, and reciprocity across the member jurisdictions.

1. *How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?* The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) has been in existence since 1980 and New Hampshire Department of Safety has been a member since 1987.

2. *Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?* No

3. *How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?* All 50 states and U.S. territories belong to CVSA. We are the sole NH agency to belong as we are the only authorized state agency to enforce Federal motor carrier regulations.

4. *How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)* Membership dues for state law enforcement members are separated into five levels based on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Plan (MCSAP) grant formula for the state/territory. NH State Police is a Level II member.

5. *What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?* CVSA establishes uniformity and reciprocity of on-highway enforcement and standardizes the criteria for commercial motor vehicle inspections among all the states, Canadian Provinces, and Mexico. This common criterion for regulation and inspection functions is recognized by the commercial motor vehicle industry and used by law enforcement agencies to place commercial vehicles and drivers out-of-service for unsafe equipment or operation on our roadways. The Alliance is also a forum to discuss ways to improve the safety of motor carrier operation through enhanced and improved methods of both highway and terminal inspection of vehicles, drivers, and cargo.

6. *Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.* CVSA provides updates on inspection procedures, operational policies, inspection bulletins, and human trafficking initiatives electronically every year included in the membership cost. In addition, CVSA hosts an annual training conference which culminates in a competition that a representative from each state participates in.

7. *Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.* The North American Standard Out of Service Criteria published by CVSA is the criteria used by NHSP troopers when determining to place safety deficient vehicles and drivers' out-of-service thereby removing them from NH roadways. In order for New Hampshire to maintain voting rights on the criteria published every year, New Hampshire must remain a member.

8. *Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.* No, there isn't any travel included with the membership.

9. *Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization).* Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement troopers assigned to State Police Troop G are CVSA members.

10. *Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.* This membership is imperative to the mission and duties of the State Police Commercial Motor Carrier Enforcement troopers. These troopers must be certified through CVSA to perform commercial motor vehicle inspections inclusive of passenger carriers and hazardous material transportation. Troopers would lack the uniformity and reciprocity across member jurisdictions and lack the authority to enforce safety regulations and inspect commercial vehicles as referenced in Chapter Saf-C 900 Administrative Rules and applicable NH RSAs. Additionally, the membership provides a consistent approach to Commercial Motor Vehicle safety enforcement that is recognized by the motor carrier industry nationwide.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Commissioner of Safety



Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)

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# INVOICE

Invoice # 1000066  
Date: October, 01, 2024  
Due: October, 01, 2024

**Bill To:**

New Hampshire State Police

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Qty	Product Description	Unit Price	Total
1	Level 2 - State/Provincial/Territorial Member Dues	\$10,300.00	\$10,300.00
		INVOICE TOTAL:	\$10,300.00
		AMOUNT PAID:	\$0.00
		<b>BALANCE DUE:</b>	<b>\$10,300.00</b>