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Mr. Kenneth O. Burris
Acting Director of Operations
Federal Emergency Management Agency
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
500 C Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20472

Re: FEMA Request for Waiver of State Law

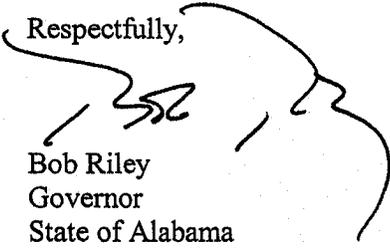
Dear Mr. Burris:

This letter is to inform you that effective this date, and from 90 days hereafter, I am granting permission to transport mobile/modular homes in the State of Alabama and waiving the enforcement of all applicable Alabama state laws and regulations in the State of Alabama that specifically govern the transport of mobile/modular homes. Transporters shall be responsible to ensure that the appropriate signs, markings, and flags, etc., are within the promulgated rules and regulations established for the movement of oversized vehicles; however, I am waiving escort vehicle requirements. Due to public safety concerns, transporters are prohibited from traveling on the following Alabama roadways: U.S. 90, Alabama 10, and U.S. 80.

Furthermore, I will consider renewing this waiver beyond the 90-day period if deemed necessary. I have notified the directors for the Alabama Department of Transportation and the Alabama Department of Public Safety of my decision.

Alabama will waive its sovereign right to enforce only those Alabama laws and regulations applicable to the mission of transporting single and double-wide mobile homes into the State of Alabama. This waiver does not extend to the transportation of products or oversized loads not considered to be mobile or modular homes. Furthermore, this waiver applies only to contractors duly authorized by federal or state government involved in national emergency relief efforts related to Hurricane Katrina.

Respectfully,



Bob Riley
Governor
State of Alabama

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