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National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service (NaVCIS) – Data Sharing

Dear Minister,

I recently wrote to you about the crime categorisation of lorry load theft. Last week NaVCIS informed us that we are unable to continue sharing essential information and intelligence concerning lorry and lorry load theft hotspots.

This important and essential information is used by our members to protect drivers and their loads from serious organised crime gangs, who have been known to use physical violence against drivers in the commission of crime. Only serious organised crime gangs have the ability to sell on 30 tonnes of stolen property. In 2020 the cost of lorry load theft was £95m - the true cost is more than double this figure. Theft from Heavy Goods Vehicles is a significant and growing problem, and the associated losses are substantial.

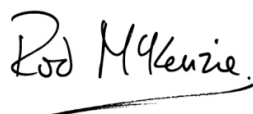
NaVCIS tell us that for a fee of around £4,500 per annum they will sell this data to our members, which we have previously been able to disseminate at no cost. We currently sponsor NaVCIS more than £10,000 per annum and we assist with providing vehicles for “Sting” operations.

The majority of our members are small operators, with five or fewer goods vehicles. They simply cannot afford to pay the fee asked. Profit margins are around 1% and the driver shortage is causing costs to rise.

We invite the Home Office to fully fund this vital service, which is essential to prevent crime and detect those responsible for thefts. I would be very grateful for the opportunity to meet with you and your officials to discuss our concern with a view to finding a practical solution.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Rod McKenzie

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