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Senator Gillibrand:

RE: Angel Wing Underride Guard

## Senator,

At the request of your staff member, my company Prest Xspress LLC was the first testers of the underride system. We started with a 1998 Strick 53 foot trailer that had the original underride system attached to it. We completed several testings on this trailer. We tested this trailer into the dock, over railroad tracks, off road and on the highway... Myself, Bruce Ends and Jim Wood conducted many crash testing on these side guards with great success. For the 1997 Strick, we put in 200,000-300,000 mile without any issues. The underride system was inspected every 6 months for preventative maintenance without any issues.

In 2010, there was a proto-type of Gen 2 that Mr. Perry Ponder had installed the new Angel Wing underride guard system on a 2005 Utility 3000 DX, 53 foot dry van. Prest Xspress LLC started pulling this trailer from 2010-2018 with no issues on the underride systems. After multiple inspections on the this trailer, the Gen 2 was lighter and just as strong as Gen 1. Gen 1 was around 1200-1300 pounds. Gen 2 was just in at 800-900 pounds added to the trailer.

I personally pulled this trailer from 2010-2013. My contracted drivers pulled the trailer from 2013-2018. I had put somewhere between 600,000-700,000 miles on this trailer with multiple inspections every year with no issues. There were never any issues on the frame-work or welds; no issues with clearance in any condition. Gen 2 was pulled with an average of 45,000 pounds across the United States without any issue. The added bars were never an issue as far as weight of this trailer or dock and road clearance.

Richard Camela Richard Camden

Thank You,

Owner, Prest Xpress, LLC