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**Statement from Texas Motor Transportation Association President on the
Federal Unemployment Insurance Stimulus**

AUSTIN – Texas Motor Transportation Association President and CEO John D. Esparza today released a statement following Gov. Rick Perry’s comments on higher taxes and expanded obligations.

“In order to accept Federal Unemployment Insurance Stimulus dollars, Texas will be required to expand the eligibility for unemployment,” said Esparza. “When the money runs out, the burden then falls on the state and ultimately the business community to meet the increased unemployment demand. That responsibility should remain with the State Legislature and the Texas Workforce Commission, not the Federal Government.

“The trucking industry in Texas supports one out of every 14 people working in the private sector and is home to more than 50,000 trucking companies. Encumbering business owners with the additional expenses and further obligation of unemployment funding is detrimental to the economy and the businesses of this state.

“The state’s unemployment system is working. The Federal Government needs to stay focused on incentives for employment, not stimulating unemployment.”

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TMTA is a trade organization dedicated to advocating sound public policies, providing excellence in education and training, and promoting a safe, dependable and cost-effective motor transportation system to better serve the people of Texas. Eighty-two percent of Texas communities receive their goods exclusively by truck.