

TV DAIRY, LLC

2/3/2015

To whom it may concern:

As manager and partner at TV Dairy, LLC I would like the option of licensing my mini-truck for travel on public roadways. We use our truck around the farm for various tasks and having the ability to drive on the road would increase the trucks usefulness and our efficiency.

Sincerely,

Shawn TeVelde
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Japanese Mini Trucks

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Tue, Feb 3, 2015 at 9:41 PM

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To who it may concern: I have used two Kei Trucks (Japanese Mini Trucks) in my orchard business for about 10 years, I found them to be a valuable farm asset used for everything from planting in the spring to harvesting in the fall. The one limitation we have is the lack of being able to drive them on county roads legally, between our orchards which are separated by a couple of miles or to town to pick up parts, equipment or other farm essentials. For short duration trips, the trucks are more convenient and more efficient than using our large farm trucks, which only get 10-12 miles per gallon of fuel, but since they are a truck, they have greater space for tools, equipment or bags of fertilizer than the average car, which is our other option when fuel economy is a concern, which it always is to a small farm business. Allowing these trucks to have expanded access to county or state roads would benefit the small farmers of Colorado. Thanks for your consideration.

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Licensed Mini Trucks on Public Roads

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Mon, Feb 2, 2015 at 1:16 PM

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To Whom It may concern,

My Name is Justin Wyatt. I have been employed in the Equipment Rental industry for the past 16 years. I work in Northern Colorado, Wyoming, and Nebraska. I have been asked my position on UTV/Mini Trucks being legally registered on public roads. In my industry they are completely necessary on large projects many of which are on private land. In many instances, I have found that there are multiple accesses from public roadways to get to the desired place. In driving on these roads, I feel that they should be allowed with proper turn signals, caution lights, brake lights, and headlights. This is where the Mini Trucks have a distinct advantage as they are built with all the necessary safety features in addition to enclosed cabs. The true benefit to that is they have all the basic safety equipment of larger vehicles. Many UTV's on the market offer this but they don't come as standard equipment. Mini Trucks also have a much smaller carbon footprint than a pickup or car. They do not disturb the ground as much as a UTV and are more fuel efficient. Mini Trucks seem to be treated as work vehicles as opposed to recreational use on UTVs. Thank you for your time and consideration. Have a great da

Best Regards,

Justin Wyatt

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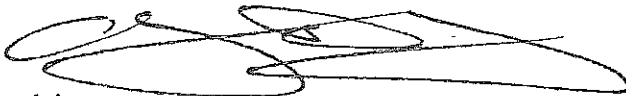
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To whom it may concern,

As a dairy owner and customer of Eaton Mini Trucks, I am petitioning for mini vehicles to be license for on road driving. I own both a mini-truck and mini-van owner and desire the option to drive on county and other local roads in order to make errands into town or pick up employees. This will be more helpful for the daily operations of my business and will create an overall increase in efficiency.



AJ,

Hunter Ridge Dairy



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Mini truck licencing

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Mon, Feb 2, 2015 at 9:57 AM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Mark Vander Dussen, operator of Prado Dairy in LaSalle Co. On our dairy farm, we use the imported mini vehicles for many tasks. They are ideal because of their size, to maneuver around other machinery, or to carry supplies nearer to the cows to do our herd work; as well as being real fuel efficient. Electric golf carts have been used in the past, but are not durable enough to last on a dairy farm, and can't carry enough weight. It has come to my attention that it may be possible to license and or register these vehicles in Colorado. This could be a benefit to all users, and could contribute to efficiencies for any ranch, farm, or factory. Mark Vander Dussen

Feb. 3, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I have owned and operated Star Truck Enterprises LLC since December of 2007. I deal in sales and service of Kei Class vehicles, commonly known as Japanese Mini Trucks. These vehicles have been legally imported into the United States since 2004, and they have proven to be an economical and versatile vehicle for a multitude of applications.

Many of my customers own large parcels of agricultural land and use these trucks to access and work on their fields, often traveling distances between parcels. At times a rancher may drive a mini truck as a "farm truck" to the nearest town to get fuel, pipe fittings, or feed for their animals. These vehicles are already out there in rural areas without any type of registration or insurance.

The question frequently comes up, "why can't you drive these trucks on the road?" My answer is "these trucks are imported as off road vehicles and that's how I must represent them and sell them." There are currently 22 states that have adopted laws pertaining to the mini trucks, most are permitting their use on public roads with restrictions on their speed (usually 45 to 55 mph), and with no operation on divided or federal highways. Most of these states still classify the mini trucks as off road vehicles and have a special plate or tag issued by the state.

I would agree that the Kei class vehicles should not be mixed in with heavy high speed traffic, but for operation on secondary roads at lower speeds I cannot think of a reason why they should be kept off the road. They are equipped just like any vehicle you and I drive daily, with lights, turn signals, horn, and seat belts, etc. Many of these trucks are also equipped with air bags for safety.

Please consider adopting the bill being presented today. Many of these vehicles are already out there being operated in a "gray area" as far as Colorado state law is concerned. Mini trucks are here to stay, so let's make sure they are being operated safely and legally!

Respectfully,
Dan Buzzell
Owner/Operator
Star Truck Enterprises LLC