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Kansas Highway Patrol
Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program
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RE: Invoice Number: H000560937

Background on the "Inoperative right tail light"

I was told by a customer on the previous trip my right brake light was out. At the shop everything was working. The officer also acknowledged as she escorted me to my car lot location the light started working. When I got to the shop, it was still working and we have not been able to get it to fall since.

Background on the "Inoperative breakaway"

I installed a new breakaway about two years ago. Officer Thederahn did a roadside inspection about 4 months ago and did not check the breakaway. I was surprised because every previous inspection, it was always checked. I was confident it was operating because I continually monitor the battery. This inspection, Officer Thederahn had me unhook the trailer plug and trip the breakaway. I have never had that done on any previous inspection. It turns out that the ground wire was not making contact with the trailer, thus the breakaway was not operative. It has probably been that way since the new one was installed.

I have found that I continue to learn from the roadside inspections. On February 22, I was confident my lights and breakaway were operating correctly, but aware that something else might be found. I had been proactive with the lights and breakaway, so was disappointed that, in fact, I was cited with these two issues.

I understand the purpose of the fines are to motivate us to keep our vehicles safe. I would appreciate, though, your consideration to wave one or both of these fines.

Sincerely,
Richard Varner, Owner
Varco Motors, LLC

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