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CRIME TARGETING TRUCKING

All industries need a fair judicial system that is unbiased in determining fault to hold bad actors responsible. Unfortunately, criminals and predatory litigators alike have been targeting the trucking industry at the expense of highway safety. As a result, insurance rates are increasing at unsustainable levels, and trucking companies of all sizes are going out of business. Help us restore fairness and balance to the system to ensure justice drives outcomes by:

- **Establishing federal criminal penalties for staged highway accidents involving commercial trucks.** Please cosponsor the **Staged Accident Fraud Prevention Act (H.R. 2662)**.
- **Requiring transparency of third-party litigation financing agreements.** Please cosponsor the **Litigation Transparency Act (H.R. 1109)** to require the disclosure of third-party commercial enterprises other than a plaintiff or plaintiff's counsel that hold a right to receive payment in the event of a reward of monetary relief by settlement or judgment for such a lawsuit.
- **End the abusive practice of "forum shopping"** by giving federal courts jurisdiction over consequential cases involving interstate trucking. Trial lawyers seek to move cases to favorable state jurisdictions and engineer the award of nuclear verdicts against trucking companies that go far beyond actual harm. Please cosponsor the **Forum Accountability and Integrity in Roadway (FAIR) Trucking Act (H.R. 5268)** to grant federal courts jurisdiction over truck crash cases when: 1. The matter involves interstate commerce; 2. The amount being sought exceeds \$5 million; 3. At least one defendant and one plaintiff are from different states.
- **Reduce frivolous lawsuits and protect employers from having to waste money defending against bogus claims.** Please cosponsor the **Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act (H.R. 5258)** to restore accountability to the U.S. legal system by: 1. Reinstating sanctions for violations of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; 2. Ensure that judges impose monetary sanctions against lawyers who file frivolous lawsuits; 3. Reverse the 1993 amendments to Rule 11 that allow parties and their attorneys to avoid sanctions for making frivolous claims.
- **Leveraging the cross-cutting enforcement capabilities of the federal government to help combat rampant supply chain fraud and theft.** Please cosponsor the **Combatting Organized Retail Crime Act (H.R. 2853, S. 1404)** to enhance legal frameworks, improve enforcement capabilities, and foster coordination across federal, state, and local agencies to address the rise in organized cargo theft throughout all stages of the supply chain. Additionally, please cosponsor the **Household Goods Shipping Consumer Protection Act (H.R. 880, S. 337)** to give FMCSA the resources and authorities needed to protect consumers from fraud, while also helping small businesses protect their businesses and reputation.



WORKFORCE SAFETY

It is difficult to conceptualize a workplace without reliable access to restrooms, food, and well-lit facilities, but this is the unfortunate reality for truck drivers in America. Help us ensure a safe and productive workplace for drivers by:

- **Addressing the national truck parking shortage; for every 11 drivers there is 1 authorized truck parking space.** Please cosponsor the **Truck Parking Safety Improvement Act (H.R. 1659)** to provide funding for the construction of new spaces at both public and private facilities, while also helping public entities convert existing facilities—such as weigh stations and closed rest areas—into truck parking locations.
- **Ensuring reliable access to restroom facilities when drivers are picking up or delivering cargo.** Please cosponsor the **Trucker Bathroom Access Act (H.R. 2514)** to require shipper and receiver facilities to make their employee restrooms accessible to truck drivers; this bill does not require businesses to construct new restrooms. Additionally, please consider a legislative solution to ensure that drivers hauling arms, ammunition, and explosives (AAE) as well as other sensitive or classified shipments for the Department of Defense (DoD) have reliable access to restroom facilities while in a secure hold or safe haven location at DoD installations.



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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The trucking industry needs high-quality professional drivers and technicians. Help us recruit and retain qualified workers by:

- **Creating a pathway for qualified 18-, 19- and 20-year-old drivers to gain the knowledge, skills, and expertise needed to drive safely in interstate commerce.** Please cosponsor the **DRIVE Safe Act (H.R. 5563)** to create a rigorous apprenticeship program for 18-20-year-old drivers that prepares them to safely haul goods across state lines.
- **Cut red tape for veterans transitioning from military service to civilian life to make apprenticeships in the trucking industry more accessible.** Please cosponsor the **Veterans' Transition to Trucking Act (H.R. 2954, S. 1537)** to make the Department of Veterans Affairs the one-stop-shop for approval of interstate trucking apprenticeship programs.
- **Protecting workers' right to choose career paths in the trucking industry that suit their unique needs and ambitions.** Please cosponsor the **Modern Worker Empowerment Act (H.R. 1319)** to provide much-needed clarity and stability for independent contractors by creating clear definitions of "employee" across federal laws.



PRESERVING VEHICLE & FUEL CHOICE

While the trucking industry supports ambitious and achievable federal emissions standards, recent actions by California and the Biden Administration have set the industry and economy up for failure. Help restore common-sense in our shared effort to reduce emissions by:

- **Prohibiting the EPA from allowing state standards to limit the sale or use of new motor vehicles with internal combustion engines.** Please cosponsor the **Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act (H.R. 346, S. 996)**
- **Preventing the implementation of EPA's Greenhouse Gas Phase 3 rule**, which introduced unworkable targets and timelines that fail to reflect the realities of technology development, infrastructure readiness, and economic feasibility. Please cosponsor the **Freedom to Haul Act (S. 990)** and the **Transportation Freedom Act (H.R. 2814, S. 711)**.
- **Repealing the 12% federal excise tax on heavy-duty trucks and equipment.** Please cosponsor the **Modern, Clean, and Safe Trucks Act (H.R. 2424)** to spur investments in cleaner and more fuel-efficient trucks and improve highway safety.

