



# Priority Legislation for the 118th Congress

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

### The industry is facing a shortage of 78,000 drivers.

- Help us recruit new drivers into the industry to develop the next generation of our workforce.
  - **Cosponsor Freedom To Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act (H.R. 1477, S. 722)** to allow individuals to use 529 savings plans to cover the costs of certain workforce training and credentialing programs.
  - Extend Federal Pell Grant eligibility to short-term workforce programs that support the skilled trades, such as CDL training programs by **cosponsoring the Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act (H.R. 6585)**
  - Expand eligibility to use VA GI benefits for truck driver training schools by **cosponsoring the Veterans Improvement Commercial Driver License Act (H.R. 2830, S. 656)**
- Ensure trucking can retain its current driver pool.
  - Protect the independent contractor model and reject efforts like Julie Su's nomination for Secretary of Labor which seek to threaten the independent contractor model by **cosponsoring the Congressional Review Act resolution to overturn the DOL's final worker classification rule (H.J. Res. 116, S.J. Res. 63)**

## LAWSUIT ABUSE

### Nefarious actors stage accidents and use unfair litigation tactics to make a profit at the expense of the trucking industry and highway safety. As a result, trucking companies are going out of business and insurance rates are increasing at unsustainable levels.

- The trucking industry believes injured parties should be fairly-compensated; we are not trying to shirk responsibility.
- **Cosponsor the Highway Accident Fairness Act (H.R. 2936)** to protect trucking companies from unfair and inflated lawsuits.

## ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

### The trucking industry supports ambitious and achievable federal emissions standards developed in partnership with industry stakeholders.

- Trucking has a positive environmental story to tell:
  - 60 trucks today emit the same pollution as a single truck did in 1988.
  - Show commitment to realistic and attainable timelines to zero emissions by **opposing the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Phase 3 Emissions standards for heavy-duty trucks and buses.**
  - **Cosponsor Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act (H.R. 1435, S. 2090)** to prohibit the EPA from allowing state standards to limit the sale or use of new motor vehicles with internal combustion engines.
- Repealing antiquated regulations such as the Federal Excise Tax on Heavy-Duty Vehicles will put thousands of new cleaner, safer trucks on the road.
  - **Cosponsor the Modern Clean and Safe Trucks Act of 2023 (H.R. 1440, S. 694)** which repeals the 12% federal excise tax

## SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS

### Inefficiencies within the supply chain predate the pandemic but were exacerbated by the supply chain crisis.

- Allocate funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to congestion mitigation, bottlenecks, and truck parking.
- **Cosponsor the LICENSE Act (H.R. 3013, S. 1649)** to streamline credentialing and licensing processes to get drivers on the road.
- **Cosponsor Truck Parking Safety Improvement Act (H.R. 2367, S. 1034)** to expand truck parking capacity.
  - Truck drivers spend an average of 56 minutes of drive time per day looking for a parking spot before their hours of service runs out.
- **Cosponsor the Transportation Security Screening Modernization Act (H.R. 5840, S. 3959)** to harmonize programs that require the same background check, including the TWIC and the HME programs.
- **Cosponsor the Trucker Bathroom Access Act (H.R. 3869)** to encourage retailers, warehouses, and other establishments to provide truck drivers access to restroom facilities, which is a basic human dignity.