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TIA President & CEO Testifies Before Congress

Last week was a major victory for TIA and our presence on Capitol Hill. TIA continues to be the premier trade association representing the 3PL and logistics industry across the country and globally. There was no stronger showing of this sentiment than the hearing that took place this week in the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. TIA's President and CEO Anne Reinke testified before the Committee on Wednesday giving a resounding statement of support to the brokerage community, which we are proud to represent.

In this five-hour marathon hearing, Anne rightfully hammered the PRO Act and AB 5 law in California as public policy that will make a disaster go to a catastrophe if implemented. The law essentially does away with the independent contractor status as we know it, turning the supply chain upside down. TIA continues to stand against these overreaching policies and with owner-operator carriers who operate with the freedom to be their own boss.

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Anne's relationship with other panelists was cordial. She answered collaboratively with representatives from the American Trucking Associations and the Association of American Railroads. She defended our position to a panelist from AFL-CIO.

Once again, OOIDA submitted a written statement relating to the draconian "rate transparency" issue that arose at the beginning of the pandemic. TIA continues to build relationships on the hill for issues like this. We will never allow our member's internal rates and proprietary information to be released. Questions also arose relating to demurrage and detention, capacity, visibility, and port selection. Anne did a phenomenal job this week and represented the association very well.

TIA has legislation before the Senate, an appropriations request coming up in the next 6 months, and our top priority bill which has the most support in its history. We cannot take our foot off the gas right now. There is too much on the line.

AGAIN Great Job Anne!!

If you have any questions about the hearing or would like to watch the video of it, please contact advocacy@tianet.org

House Passes Build Back Better Plan

Early Friday morning the House of Representatives passed the sweeping social spending bill known as the Build Back Better (BBB) Plan, a major step forward for a centerpiece of President Joe Biden's domestic agenda. All but one Democrat voted for the \$1.7 trillion package of tax, health care and climate initiatives. All Republicans voted against the bill. The vote came after Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) held the floor with a speech lasting more than eight hours.

This vote comes weeks after the initial discussion for passage of the plan was discussed. Several moderate Democrats were waiting for the passage of the bi-partisan infrastructure package before considering this one and the Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) "score" of the bill, which lays out the financial impact to the national debt. The CBO score came back as adding roughly \$400 billion to the national debt over the next 10-years.

The legislation now moves to the Senate, where it will likely look a lot different in size and will not be considered until next month with the Thanksgiving holiday rapidly approaching. Senators Manchin (D-WV) and Sinema (D-AZ) have been vocal opponents to major spending packages that would increase the national debt as the nation deals with serious inflation concerns. Additionally, many of the provisions in the package will likely not meet the Byrd Rule, which would be required as the legislation will be covered under the process known as reconciliation.

TIA will continue to track the legislation and report to members on major actions taken.

Legislative Victories & Political Engagement

As TIA closes out the year our Political Action Committee, TIAPAC is proud of all members who stepped up and donated to PAC. Especially new donors who saw the need to have their voice heard in the political process. There are a ton of issues facing Congress, as deadlines loom and debt ceilings are closely tied to outrageous spending by both parties, TIAPAC sends a clear message, TIA priorities matter and our issues are supply chain issues. There has never been a more important time to talk about supply chain issues than today.

TIA will soon be sending out our end-of-the-year packages to gold-level and above donors. These individuals were especially helpful in pushing us to achieving some major legislative goals. TIA Government Affairs was back in person on the hill after a year of virtual meetings, we had a hugely successful TIA 3PL Policy Forum which was in person and was enjoyed by the nearly 100 participants.

The successes which you have read about are directly tied to the PAC. Without the strong voice of our PAC, we would not be celebrating the great victories we were able to achieve this year. Thank you for your membership and for engaging in the political process.