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Roll Out of H.R. 3042: The Motor Carrier Safety Selection Standard

The past few months, TIA has referenced the Motor Carrier Standard Selection legislation, but it had not been introduced yet. Well, TIA is proud to announce H.R. 3042, the Motor Carrier Safety Standard Selection Act! This is TIA's top priority legislation. We will need your help in this effort. There is no better advocate to tell the story of the confusion that exists around carrier, then our members. Please contact us to meet with Congressional staff and tell you story in doing so, supporting our advocacy efforts.

The legislation clears up confusion that exist right now in the supply-chain, with a four-tiered safety rating system, which leads to TIA members having to second guess the Federal government because of the lack of clarity and the lack of a federal standard.

As you know, TIA has been working on this for a few years and we have a lot of work ahead of us and could use TIA members donating to the PAC and joining us for calls with Congressional staff.

You can now donate directly online, by clicking here: https://pac.tianet.org/

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Colonial Shutdown & HOS Waiver



This week the Biden Administration found itself with a ripple effect crisis, as Eastern European hackers penetrated the virtual walls of Colonial Pipeline based in Alpharetta, Georgia. This caused a national security crisis, a supply-chain crisis, and a gas shortage/price crisis. And it ended with the hackers garnering a \$5 million payout as the private company paid out the ransom.

Fuel prices have skyrocketed in the last few days (if you can get fuel at all) given the shortage from one of our countries most productive oil lines. The shortage has left Americans frustrated as many are still feeling the economic impacts of the COVID pandemic. Hopefully, the situation sees improvement before the Memorial Day holiday at the end of the month.

This resulted in an Emergency Declaration from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), waiving the Hours of Service for trucks in 19 states on the Eastern Seaboard, the same states that touch the path of the breached pipeline. This is another clear example of why we must harden our supply chains, including our hard infrastructure needs.



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Two Conference Committees Are Merging

A major change was adopted by our TIA Board of Director, TIA has merged two of our Conference Committees, the Airfreight and International, into a single group. This comes as the Committees have struggled over the last few years to garner support and participation. We hope this change will bring more value to our members involved in these two modal areas. TIA staff will continue to bring in guest speakers, gain more participation, strengthen relationships with Federal Agencies with oversight over these modes, and expand TIA's reach in different modes of transportation.

If you have any suggestions for guest speakers or are interested in joining this newly created group, please do not hesitate to reach out to Advocacy@tianet.org

2021 3PL Policy Forum & Dove Hunt: Mark Your Calendars

Following a widely successful TIA 2021 Capital Ideas Conference, we now as an organization, turn our focus toward our hybrid Policy Forum event which will take place September 28-29 in Washington, DC. We hope you will join us! We are cognizant that not everyone is comfortable with in person events and welcome you to join us virtually.

This is your chance to be fully emerged into our advocacy efforts by meeting directly with lawmakers and their staff about the issues that are directly impacting the 3PL industry and your business. There will be further information on this major event in the coming days. In the meantime, we look forward to our next major fundraising event in Albany, Texas sponsored by our good friends TRIUMPH Business Capital. This will be an all-expenses paid Dove Hunt sponsored by TRIUMPH at their ranch in West Texas. Do not forget about their world-famous BBQ truck either...

With a personal donation of \$2,500, you can join a handful of top TIA Members for a great two-day event with friends, amazing Texas BBQ, and a first-class Dove Hunt experience.

For more information, please do not hesitate in contacting advocacy@tianet.org, space is extremely limited and will sell out quickly!

