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TIA Supported C-TPAT Bill Introduced in the Senate

TIA is proud to announce new legislation we support! S. 2322, the “CTPAT Pilot Program Act” is solid legislation that finally rights the wrongs of previous administrations failing to live up to the letter of the law and include Department of Transportation licensed Property Brokers into the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism program. All while different non-asset-based third-party logistics providers (air, ocean vessel, and customs) can all be admitted into the program. The Federal government essentially picked winners and losers.

Senators Cornyn (R-TX), Menendez (D-NJ), Carper (D-DE), and Scott (R-SC) filed this legislation early last week. It does a simple but important task for the supply chain. The bill will create a pilot program that allows 10 previously neglected companies the opportunity to be C-TPAT certified. Our members have been eagerly waiting for this opportunity. We cannot wait until the day our entire membership is C-TPAT certified. Our CEO and President said this on the news, “For years TIA Members were inexplicably omitted from a program that was developed in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. C-TPAT does a great job securing our homeland and defending our supply chain. We will continue to impress upon CBP that 3PLs add value to this effort and we look forward to doing our part to ensure that freight that is being transported cross-border is done to the highest safety standards.”

Now we need your help. The push for this legislation only begins with a bill number. Now it must pass through two separate chambers, which means two committees, and be signed by the President into law. We need you to contact Advocacy@tianet.org and get involved in this. We can get this legislation into law, if we get our full membership activated! Join us today!

TIA Highway Logistics Conference Develops Policy Positions Against Double Brokering

The TIA Highway Logistics Conference Committee led by Chairman John Miller, Owner, Plains Dedicated met last week to finalize a position policy for the Association against the rampant problem of "unlawful" brokerage activities or commonly referred to as double brokering. This has been a topic of conversation for the Highway Committee for awhile and seems to be a growing issue.

A few months ago, a representative from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) joined the conference call to hear directly from TIA on what issues were important to the Association. The issue of double brokering was mentioned several times by multiple members of the Committee. The Agency official offered to look into the issues and see what the Agency could do to help. The conversations with the Agency continue to do this day, to get them engaged on the issue. The fact remains, that since 2012 when MAP-21 was signed into law, there has not been one single violation or enforcement action taken against an entity for unlawful brokerage. While at the same time, TIA staff and members filing several dozen reports in the National Consumer Compliant Database.

The policy position that the Highway Committee approved yesterday reaffirms the Association's strong opposition to unlawful brokering, and will harmonize the Association's messaging with regulators and lawmakers. The following position was approved:

"TIA does not support illegal brokerage activities in the supply-chain and will work to ensure that the FMCSA and Congress are of the concerns. TIA strongly advocates for the enforcement of existing laws."

The newly created TIA Policy Committee will review the policy position and ensure that it meets the criteria of the established four pillars of advocacy before sending the position to the TIA Board of Directors for final approval.

If you have any questions, please contact TIA Advocacy (advocacy@tianet.org, 703.299.5700).

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TIA Government Affairs Needs Your Voice

The TIA Government Affairs Team is currently preparing for our upcoming 2021 Policy Forum in Washington, DC on September 28-29. As we prepare, we are in the process of updating our Congressional Impact Reports that show vital data on our Members in each State and Congressional district, which utilizes the number of employees located at each location. This is one of the most powerful tools we use on Capitol Hill to demonstrate the impact your businesses and the 3PL industry have within your congressional districts and state. For Members of Congress, this represents jobs and revenues that tie directly back to them and impact their ability to fully represent your business and community.

When you have a moment, please send your current employment numbers for your office and any remote offices throughout the Country to advocacy@tianet.org. As for information, we need the zip code of each office and the number of employees located there; we will figure out the rest. This information is for internal use only to will not be used for anything other than helping us advocate for your business on Capitol Hill.

If interested in attending the TIA 2021 Policy Forum, please register here: <http://bit.ly/3c6LAs9>. We look forward to seeing you and demonstrating to Congress the vitality of the 3PL industry!

Finally, TIA's is looking to increase our state lobbying efforts in the coming months/years. If there are any state issues that directly impact your business and the 3PL industry, please let us know.

Infrastructure Legislation: On the Move?

The price tag is going up per day and the votes are hanging by a thread. It's actually (actually!) infrastructure week in Washington, D.C. and the dynamics could not be more fluid.

TIA is monitoring multiple paths forward for the large deal. We believe it will be broken into two parts, two separate pieces of legislation. The first part will be what was passed out of Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. This is a huge victory for TIA, as we secured language in the Commerce Bill that directs the Department of Transportation to clarify the role of dispatch services in the supply chain. In recent years, TIA through its members has learned about these new entities who are in violation of Federal Law by unlawfully "brokering" freight under the auspices of a Bona Fida agent of a motor carrier, but they are doing so for multiple carriers. This is unlawful and we are putting a stop to it.

The second "Infrastructure bill" is being described as human infrastructure. TIA has not weighed on this part of the process. This legislation will have to do with social issues that impact Americans, issues such as healthcare, housing, and childcare. Issues that are of extreme importance but do not lack the traditional definition standing that has been associated with "infrastructure or transportation." There is also a huge question about what happens to the billions in "Direct Congressional Spending" or earmarks that were added to the House Bill.

TIA will continue to monitor all of it. We have one priority as of now, to ensure our dispatch service language is not touched in negotiations.