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TIA Holds Successful Policy Forum in DC

Last week, 100 TIA Members participated in the 2021 TIA Annual Policy Forum in Washington, DC. This is the premier advocacy event for the Association and the 3PL industry. The timing could not have been better, as Congress was deliberating over the passage of the bi-partisan infrastructure package. Additionally, Congress was tackling passing a continuing resolution (CR) to keep the federal government open and a measure to waive the debt limit for a year that would prevent another cliff until after the mid-term elections.

At the Policy Forum, TIA Members met with over 200 Members of Congress and their staff advocating on three main issues. First, Members were seeking support of H.R. 3042, the Motor Carrier Safety Selection Standard Act of 2021. Secondly, the group was seeking support on S. 2322, the C-TPAT Pilot Program Act of 2021. Finally, Members were advocating in strong opposition to the PRO Act. Overall the Congressional meetings were a huge success and all members that attended seemed pleased with the process and the chance to lobby their Members of Congress on issues that are important to their business and have a direct impact on their bottom line.

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Chris Burroughs (TIA), Anne Reinke (TIA), Rep. Seth Moulton (D-6th/MA) & Mike Riccio, CTB (Chairman - TIA of Board of Directors)

In addition, to the Congressional meetings, TIA Members heard directly from Mr. Jack Van Steenberg, Executive Director of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Ms. Sara Fagen, CEO of Deep Root Analytics a political strategist, and The Honorable Dan Maffei, Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission. TIA Members heard about upcoming priorities of the FMCSA and the FMC, including a thorough review of the port congestion concerns and delays and the financial responsibility petition for rulemaking that TIA filed with FMCSA back in 2014.

Overall, the Policy Forum was a success given the interesting time that we are living in with a global pandemic and a narrow and deeply divided Congress. On behalf of all TIA staff, we thank all those Members that participated in person and virtually for making this event a success. We look forward to the Policy Forum in 2022!



Bob Biesterfeld (CHRW), Ty Holstrom CTB (ATS Transportation), Rep. Michelle Fischbach (R-7th/MN), Jason Craig (CHRW) & Ben Campbell (CHRW)

TIA Gives 2021 3PL Congressional Leadership Awards

Last week during the Policy Forum, TIA, the voice of the third-party logistics (3PL) industry, announced today Congressmen Seth Moulton (D-6th/MA) and Mike Gallagher (R-8th/WI) as the recipients of the 2021 TIA 3PL Congressional Leadership Award. The award was presented on October 29 during the annual TIA 3PL Policy Forum in Washington, DC, with nearly 100 TIA Members from across North America in attendance for the presentation.

The TIA 3PL Congressional Leadership Award is presented to Members of Congress who are champions of the 3PL industry and the more than 130,000 freight brokers across the country. Recipients demonstrate a steadfast commitment to supporting the Association and the 3PL industry in advancing our legislative initiatives and support efforts to enhance the image and highlight the critical role that 3PLs play as the center of the global supply chain.

"Since arriving in Congress, Congressmen Moulton and Gallagher have been champions of our industry and supportive of many of our common-sense legislative priorities designed to not only strengthen the supply chain but also make it safer," said TIA President & CEO Anne Reinke. "I am honored to present these two rising stars with the 2021 TIA 3PL Congressional Leadership Award and look forward to working with both of their offices on a range of issues important to TIA Members in the years to come."

In 2021, Congressmen Moulton and Gallagher have led the charge on legislative initiatives important to TIA, including sponsoring H.R. 3042, the Motor Carrier Safety Selection Standard Act of 2021. This act would establish a federal standard for 3PLs and shippers to reliably source and vet the safety rating of the carriers with whom they work.

Thanks to common sense and bi-partisan efforts of Congressmen Moulton and Gallagher to address a serious problem plaguing the transportation industry, TIA's top legislative priority for more than a decade is nearing the finish line.

TIA sincerely thanks Congressmen Moulton and Gallagher for their leadership and support of the 3PL industry and congratulates them on receiving the 2021 TIA 3PL Congressional Leadership Award.



Erin Van Zeeland (Schneider Logistics), Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-8th/WI) & Chris Burroughs (TIA)