



TIA ON THE HILL

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TIA on the Hill: Under a Minute

Last week, TIA Government Affairs department rolled out a new daily video series called TIA on the Hill: In Under One Minute. This daily content will supplement this TIA on the Hill: Newsletter and provide TIA Members and the brokerage community with quick less than a minute videos on the latest happenings on Capitol Hill and the issues that are important for our Members.

TIA is excited for this opportunity to continue to find creative ways to engage and provide value to our members through social media and or marketing verticals.

The video series will feature TIA's Vice President of Government Chris Burroughs, TIA's Government Affairs Manager Scott Marks, and several special guests through out the year.

The videos will be posted on the TIA Government Affairs twitter page @3PLGovAffairs. If you are not currently following us, please take a minute to do so!

We welcome your feedback and comments on the content and how we can engage better with Members and inform you on the issues that important to your business.

Safe Driver Apprenticeship Program

The Department of Transportation (DOT) released on Monday, April 18th, their plan to implement the pilot program for the Congressionally-mandated “Safe Driver Apprenticeship Program.” This is a program to give the opportunity for young adults, ages 18-20, to receive their Commercial Driver License (CDL). It is a watered-down version of the TIA-backed legislation which would forgo the pilot and open up the 18-20 age frame for not only intrastate commerce which is where most states are, but also for interstate which is still 21 years or more.

This is one of four victories for TIA in the bipartisan infrastructure bill. TIA members have been facing a capacity shortage along with dozens of other shortages in the supply chain, including a driver shortage. This rule-making is welcome news especially since the U.S. Federal government banned non-vaccinated commercial drivers from entering the country.

In the pilot, there are many stipulations to enter the program such as probationary hours, experienced driver in the cab, onboard video cameras, and many more. There is also data that will be fed into the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) for review. TIA looks forward to seeing how this program will impact our membership by opening a new amount of capacity to move freight safely for our members' customers.

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Cross-Border Double Standard

TIA is calling out the double standard and hypocrisy of the Federal Government as they consider lifting the Title 42 Emergency Order, the DHS cross-border vaccine mandate remains in effect. The Title 42 Emergency Order is a policy put in place that allows the Federal Government to expel illegal immigrants based on a public health emergency. TIA takes no position on the entry of immigrants entering the country or the overall divisive issue of immigration, TIA, will however call out the Administration for continuing to block foreign truck drivers from entering the country who are unvaccinated, alone in a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) cab simply trying to deliver cross-border freight. Let's not lift one, without the other!

Additionally, TIA has taken to the airwaves to present this double standard to our members in our new featured TIA On The Hill in Under a Minute. We have also written to the administration asking about the double standard in the policy. We await both a change in policy and a response from the Federal government on this policy.

We will keep you posted on any developments stemming from this policy and the vaccine mandate.

New Bill to Guarantee Overtime for Truck Drivers

On April 14, 2022, Congressman Andy Levin (D-9th/MI) introduced, H.R. 7517, the "Guaranteeing Overtime for Truckers Act." This bipartisan piece of legislation would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to remove the overtime wages exemption for truck drivers. The legislation is supported by OOIDA, the Teamsters, and the Truck Safety Coalition who argue that without overtime pay, truck drivers too often drive faster, farther, and more fatigued to try and earn fair compensation.

The American Trucking Associations (ATA) do not support this legislation.

TIA's Highway Logistics Conference led by Chairman John Miller, Owner of Plains Dedicated is vetting the legislation and the potential impacts to the 3PL community if this were to become law. If you have an opinion of the legislation in favor or opposition, please feel free to share those thoughts at advocacy@tianet.org.