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Registration is Open for the 2022 Policy Forum

We are only six months away from the 2022 TIA Policy Forum, which is our annual Fly-in event held in Washington, D.C. The Policy Forum will be held on September 19-21 at the J.W. Marriott in downtown Washington. This is the premier event for the Association in terms of our advocacy and government relations efforts. This is your opportunity to travel to our nation's capital and advocate on behalf of your business, TIA, and the 3PL industry. You do not want to miss this opportunity.

The 2022 Policy Forum will kick off on Monday, September 19th, with a golf outing. Following the golf outing, that night we will hold our Annual TIAPAC reception where we will be joined by a high ranking and influential Member of Congress. On Tuesday, September 20th we will begin the day with a staff briefing on the logistics of the event, and then we will travel to Capitol Hill and lobby all day with your Members of Congress. TIA staff handles all the meeting requests and appointments on your behalf. We will end the day with a fabulous networking dinner.

On Wednesday, September 21st, we will hear from representatives from DOT, FMCSA and other amazing speakers and end the day around 9:30 AM.

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TIA generally selects one or two major issues to address with Members of Congress at the event. In 2022, one of those issues is the rate transparency issue and the request from small owner-operators for you all to share your margins for every load arranged. We thought we were behind this economic issue but got word from FMCSA leadership that they are working on a “grand compromise” that gives something to TIA for the dispatch service issue and something to OOIDA on this. Let me be clear, there is no compromising with the Agency on showing margins and proprietary information. The point is, if this issue is important to you, you need to attend the 2022 Policy Forum and speak with as many Members of Congress as possible to kill this compromise.

The cost of the event is \$475 which covers all the logistics for the meeting and most of your meals.

To register, please visit www.tianet.org.

2022 Mid-term Elections & Policy

The upcoming election will have a real impact on policies going forward. Such issues as the Surface Transportation Reauthorization, labor issues, and many other of the more regulatory issues were easily passed and approved under a government controlled by one party.

TIA will be watching closely how the new political dynamics impact our policies. It is in the mainstream of the political pollster community, on both sides of the aisle, that Republicans will take at least one chamber. If the party control does switch in Congress, you can expect immediate oversight of key government officials such as Department of Labor Secretary Marty Walsh, Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas, and others who have stood up to the Democrat’s most prized policies. This of course includes labor initiatives such as minimum wage, independent contractors, and a multitude of COVID-19 policies.

While the newly installed Congress won’t be able to get their agenda done per se, they will be able to stop the movement of more liberal policies which would be considered a win by the Republican base. There are a few key players to watch as this unfolds over the next year. President Joe Biden at the helm of the Federal Government still has regulatory powers and the Congress still has oversight. Rep. Virginia Foxx (R- NC) chairs the Committee of jurisdiction that covers Biden’s labor policies. In the Senate Richard Burr chairs, the same committee, however, is retiring at the end of the year, this clears the path for Senator Rand Paul who will take control of the HELP committee and have coverage over officials like Anthony Fauci and Marty Walsh. Of course, you cannot take your eyes off Joe Manchin and Krysten Sinema, the two moderate Senators who chart their own path on key issues.

TIA will continue to monitor for updates and political changes that impact our membership.



Data Point: Consumer Prices Soar Since Pandemic Began

Consumer prices see record yearly increase since pandemic began



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis
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TIA Hosting an Event for Key Representative

In the upcoming weeks, TIA will be hosting an event for Congressman Mike Quigley (D-5th/IL). Congressman Quigley is a high-ranking official on the important House Appropriations Committee and will be the next Chairman/Ranking Member of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Subcommittee which is an integral Committee for our membership. This is an important event for growing our bi-partisan relationships on Capitol Hill. We are inviting all Illinois members to join us in D.C. for this event. TIA will provide more details to those members interested.

Congressman Mike Quigley was elected to Congress to represent Illinois' 5th District on April 7, 2009. A former Cook County Commissioner who began his career through community service in the Lakeview neighborhood, Mike has served his community for more than thirty years. His election to Congress was an opportunity to take his unique style of reform-minded politics, which Chicagoans have known for years, from Cook County to Washington.

Please contact TIA with any questions about any of these events.