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Federal Tax Receipts Up, Per Inflation

A new report from the federal government released last week showed that federal tax receipts were up by \$800 billion mostly due in part from rising inflation. This increase translates to a 19.6 percent increase, the biggest one-year hike in more than 40 years. For information purposes this comes on top of a 18 percent increase last year.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) who put the report out notes that total receipts will amount close to \$.8 trillion or 19.6 percent of the nation's economy. This figure is the most amount since 2000 when the Treasury Department was flush with cash for the dot.com bubble. This increase will help reduce the federal deficit to \$1 trillion, according to the CBO.

This report comes on the heels of Congressional leaders led by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) meeting with several other leaders on the "reconciliation" plans on a proposal that would impose \$1 trillion in new taxes aimed at corporations and the rich.

TIA will continue to monitor the economic situation and potential tax legislation that could potentially impact our member's businesses.

If you have any questions, please contact advocacy@tianet.org.

TIA Regional Event in Alabama

Last week TIA and McLeod Software hosted a joint regional networking event at the McLeod Headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama. The event was very successful with almost 50 attendees joining us for two days of networking, receptions, education labs, and remarks from TIA President and CEO Anne Reinke on the state of the association and the government affairs department with an update from Capitol Hill.

The regional event brought attendees from all over Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and many other states. These attendees were eager to meet one another, discuss the policies, and regulations facing the industry, and of course enjoy the Alabama BBQ that was graciously provided. From a government affairs perspective, the items that were touched on included the carrier selection process, C-TPAT, double brokering, and the possibility of “Rate Transparency” from FMCSA. Other education labs included the future of supply chain and artificial intelligence, cybersecurity protection, carrier selection process, and an overview of the Port of Mobile, AL.

Stay tuned for future events and additional ways to get involved. This includes our annual, TIA 3PL Policy Forum, which is held in Washington, D.C., and is a staple of the TIA government affairs effort. We will connect you with your lawmaker to talk about issues impacting the supply chain and our membership.

Thank you to McLeod for hosting us in your beautiful headquarters!



TIA Speaks with GAO About NCCDB

One of the provisions in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act or IIJA, the bipartisan infrastructure reauthorization bill signed into law last year, dealt with Congress asking the Government Accountability Office or GAO to review the FMCSA's National Consumer Compliant Database (NCCDB) and see what is working with the database and what is not working.

As part of the GAO's efforts on gaining more information and knowledge into the NCCDB, they began meeting with industry Associations and stakeholders. TIA was the first group they spoke with about this issue last week. TIA's Vice President of Government Affairs Chris Burroughs and TIA's Government Affairs Manager Scott Marks represented the industry on the call. TIA has been an extremely outspoken opponent to the NCCDB and the lack of enforcement by FMCSA.

The GAO asked several really good questions, and we dug into the nuts and bolts of our members and staff usage of the database and the specific feedback we had on a variety of topics. GAO was eager to hear from TIA staff on our key issues that were being reported through the system, including double brokering.

We truly appreciate working with GAO and Congress to fix this major issue with the federal government, in terms of the lack of enforcement from the federal agency tasked with that duty. We will keep membership abreast as actions are taken to improve the database and getting FMCSA off the sidelines and enforcing the laws on the books.