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TIA Goes To Capitol Hill

Influential members of the Transportation Intermediaries Association (TIA) went to Capitol Hill to brief and educate Congressional staffers about the third-party logistics industry, to discuss the current supply-chain conditions and current issues like double brokering that the industry faces every day.

Staff representing high profile Members of Congress as well as from the House T&I Committee and Senate Commerce Committee were on hand to have a discussion and get insight from some of the industry's best and brightest leaders.

Among the topics discussed with the attendees were unlawful brokering, foreign dispatch services handling of critical freight, a motor carrier safety selection standard, and C-TPAT. All of these issues being key priorities for both the TIA and the 3PL.

The mission of yesterday's event was to hopefully educate our friends in Congress about the importance of our profession in the supply chain and how government can help make our jobs easier. We are optimistic that engaging in these types of conversations will help our cause on Capitol Hill, and therefore result in more legislative victories for the 3PL!

New Democrat T&I Members Announced

Democrat Leader Hakeem Jefferies (D-8th/NY) through recommendations of the House Steering and Policy Committee has released the 118th Congress committee assignments for House Democrats. The new Democrat Members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee are as follows:

- Rep. Rob Menendez (D-NJ/8)
- Rep. Val Hoyle (D-OR/4)
- Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-OH/13)
- Rep. Hillary Scholten (D-MI/3)
- Rep. Val Foushee (D-NC/4)

We look forward to working with the now completed T&I Committee to find bipartisan solutions for the 3PL industry.

Manchin Blocks European EV Subsidies

Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) has pledged to block an effort that would subsidize some EV's made in Europe rather than America.

In blocking the guidance contained in the Inflation Reduction Act, Sen. Manchin enables EV buyers to still benefit from tax credits despite buying non-American EV's. To prevent that from happening, Manchin proposed his own bill – The American Vehicle Security Act of 2023 – to amend the IRA. His reasoning behind the bill is to ensure that America is not beholden to other countries that we do not share common values with.

The IRA would set rules to access EV subsidies, and also encourages the U.S. to increase its share of green technologies, many of which are currently dominated by China.

Half of the \$7,500 tax credit would only be accessible for automobiles whose batteries contain at least 40% critical minerals processed in the United States. That percentage of batteries made in America increases until 2027, when 80% made in America will be required to qualify for the tax credit.

The remaining \$3,750 will only be available for vehicles that have 50% of battery components made in America. That increases yearly until it reaches 100% made in America by 2029.

This guidance will make European car dealers cringe, but as we have seen, Senator Manchin is not one to take for bluffing. TIA will keep you updated with this legislation.

Uber and Lyft Go Green

By 2030, Uber and Lyft will be going green.

New York City Mayor Eric Adams said Uber and Lyft vehicles must be zero-emissions by 2030. Both companies support the cause in the name of climate change. The upcoming mandate will result in more than 100,000 EV's on city streets.

The initiative will be executed at no new cost to drivers. Uber already offers perks to drivers who have green cars and Lyft previously committed to electrifying its entire fleet of cars by 2030.

The city's Taxi and Limousine Commission will codify the mandate as part of its rulemaking procedure.