



May 10, 2021

The Honorable Seth Moulton
U.S. House of Representatives
1127 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Michael Gallagher
U.S. House of Representatives
1230 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressmen Moulton and Gallagher:

I am writing on behalf of the 1,600 member companies of the Transportation Intermediaries Association (TIA) to voice our strong support for your legislation H.R. 3042, the "Motor Carrier Safety Selection Standard Act." With a membership presence in both of your respective districts we are proud to support this legislation. TIA represents companies who arrange transportation for shippers often using the newest technology to effectively and safely navigate our nation's transportation networks, regardless of the mode of transportation.

As you know, H.R. 3042 would drastically improve public safety on our roads. Our primary member companies, who help arrange the movement of freight by working with motor carriers, are often asked to second-guess the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) in determining which carriers are safe to operate and which are not. FMCSA does not have the resources or staffing to promulgate safety ratings for the roughly 300,000 for-hire motor carriers, this results in about 89% of motor carriers with an "unrated" safety rating. This legislation requires the FMCSA to amend the safety rating process and update the current antiquated system. This will help ensure that only the safest motor carriers can operate on the nation's highways and give the Agency and the public, including our members, updated and more reliable data on these motor carriers.

While the safety fitness determination rulemaking is being completed, H.R. 3042 would establish a temporary standard, which would require anyone selecting a motor carrier to complete a due diligence review prior to hiring the company. This necessary step will ensure that the roughly three to five million companies that are selecting motor carriers are meeting a minimum safety standard. This is a key provision that will ensure that unsafe motor carriers are not selected and require those companies that are selecting motor carriers to adhere to a federal standard, which currently does not exist.

We support and applaud your efforts to establish this safety standard and update the Agency safety fitness standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne C. Reinke".

Anne Reinke,
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