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House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Supply Chain Legislation Disregards Roadway Safety

Yesterday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed several so-called "Supply Chain Efficiency" bills out of Committee, most of which showed absolutely no regard for addressing the truck crash fatality crisis on our roads. TSC President Tami Friedrich was highly disturbed by the Committee's actions. "Pretending nearly 5,800 truck crash deaths a year prompts no need for Congressional action is ludicrous. Worse, the Committee advanced legislation to unleash heavier trucks, poorly qualified drivers, and unsafe carriers on every corner of our interstate."

The Truck Safety Coalition (TSC) calls on all stakeholders to help reverse the unacceptable rise in truck crash deaths, which has increased by 71% since 2009. H.R. 2367, the Truck Parking Improvement Act, was one example of legislation that advanced out of Committee that will help improve safety for truck drivers and roadway users at large. However, the primary takeaway was the multitude of bills advanced that prioritize the whims of industry over the safety of the motoring public, such as H.R. 3013 (reduces CDL test examiner qualifications), H.R. 3318, 2948, & 3447 (allowing heavier trucks), H.R. 915 (unsafe motor carrier selection standards).

These are unacceptable concessions that barter public safety for so-called "industry efficiency." There is nothing efficient about the carnage taking place on our roads and TSC encourages everyone to familiarize themselves with the resulting tragedies that will occur at an ever-increasing pace by reading some of the stories of pain and suffering our community has experienced. Read more at www.trucksafety.org/our-stories.

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The Truck Safety Coalition (TSC) is a partnership between Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways (CRASH), also known as The CRASH Foundation, and Parents Against Tired Truckers (P.A.T.T.). The Truck Safety Coalition is dedicated to reducing the number of deaths and injuries caused by truck-related crashes, providing compassionate support to truck crash survivors and families of truck crash victims, and educating the public, policymakers, and the media about truck safety issues. Visit our website at <https://trucksafety.org>

