



# THE TSC NEWSLETTER

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## Joan Claybrook Retires from CRASH Board



Joan Claybrook announced her retirement from the CRASH Foundation Board after 33 years of service and leadership as Board Chair this January.

Joan's record of success and tremendous impact is truly unquantifiable. Untold numbers of people are alive today due to her unwavering commitment to road and vehicle safety and consumer protections.

[Watch this video](#) to begin to gain an appreciation of how Joan has made American a MUCH safer place.

TSC is exceedingly grateful to Joan for all she has done in support of truck safety and will continue to lean on her wisdom and expertise for years to come.

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# Upcoming Events

## Hill Day w/NSC

## TSC HILL DAY W/NSC



**Share your Crash Story & Urge Congress to take Action in Support of Truck Safety**

MAY 14	ALL DAY
<a href="#" style="color: #90ee90; text-decoration: underline;">REGISTER TODAY!</a>	

## Grief Zoom Night

## GRIEF ZOOM NIGHT



**With Professional Grief Counselor Rob Zucker**

FEB 20	7PM EASTERN
<a href="#" style="color: #90ee90; text-decoration: underline;">REGISTER TODAY!</a>	

TSC is a National Safety Council member and proud to engage with fellow traffic violence advocates to gather together and demand change. Join us alongside victim advocates from a number of like-minded organizations to share your story, educate policy-makers, and remind them that we DO NOT have to accept the status quo.

Register TODAY and join us on May 14th to agitate for truck safety reforms! You'll meet fellow advocates and receive personal training and education in preparation for what promises to be a powerful day together!

We are kicking off our group grief counseling series this February! If you've never been, please do check it out at least once. It's always an uplifting and encouraging time together with no pressure on participants to share if they don't feel comfortable.

Many have walked this road and have helpful tips and practices to share from lived experience. You don't have go it alone, we're stronger together.

***DID YOU KNOW WE REGULARLY ADD NEW CRASH STORIES TO OUR [WEBSITE](#)? CONTACT US TO BE SURE YOUR CRASH IS NEVER FORGOTTEN EMAIL [INFO@TRUCKSAFETY.ORG](mailto:INFO@TRUCKSAFETY.ORG)***

# JENNIFER TIERNEY & DAWN KING TO SERVE AS CHAIR, CO-CHAIR



*In a unanimous vote of support from CRASH Board Members, crash victims Jennifer Tierney and Dawn King will serve as Chair and Co-Chair, respectively of CRASH following Joan's well-earned retirement.*

## Q& A with New CRASH Chair Jennifer Tierney

**Q:** What's your connection to the Truck Safety Coalition?

**A:** I was the first victim survivor to join the CRASH Board of Directors in the 1990's. I'm currently the Crash Board Chairman, serve on the Executive and Fundraising Committees. I am also a representative for the TSC on the Advisory Committee for Underride Protection.

**Q:** Why is the Truck Safety Coalition an organization you believe in strongly enough to support your time, talent, and treasure?

**A:** I saw this opportunity as the only way to start healing from the tragic and violent death of my beloved Dad in a truck side underride crash in 1983. I felt angry and helpless because it was a crash that could have been prevented. I needed something to guide me in a productive way so that my Dad's death was not in vain.

**Q:** How would you describe the Truck Safety Coalition and its mission to another potential donor?

**A:** There is no mission purer and simpler than the TSC. Because of the pain and heartbreak, we all have felt, we do not want others to die and be injured in crashes with large trucks that so many times could have been prevented.

**Q:** What aspects of our work are most important to you?

**A:** Working with Congress and other governmental agencies to reduce crashes and make our highways safer for everyone.

## A Note from the Executive Director



2023 was an INCREDIBLE year for TSC. We leaned in and brought our mission to life in new and exciting ways that sets us up to help more people and influence change greater than ever before.

My encouragement to you is to GET INVOLVED. As you read through this newsletter, take notice of just HOW MUCH happens due to inspired volunteers who take action. Whether it be meeting with elected officials, helping fundraise for the cause, helping comfort crash victims, stepping up to provide leadership and oversight, and MYRIADS of other ways...what makes TSC credible and the most trusted name in truck safety is YOU.

No one else has more invested in our success than our community of victims, survivors, and supporters. When you decide to do something, just one thing, IT MATTERS. Please consider how you might get involved and reach out to learn about our needs and opportunities. Give me a ring at 202-937-6429 or shoot me an email at zcahalan@trucksafety.org and we'll find the right fit for you.

With your help, we'll build on our success and have a 2024 that exceeds our wildest imaginations!!!

-Zach Cahalan, Executive Director  
Truck Safety Coalition

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**VICTIM & SURVIVOR FAMILIES REACHED**

The purpose of our First Response Program is to get information and resources to people affected by truck crashes as quickly as possible after their crash, when they need it most.

This work is supported through the generous donations of our volunteers and the broader community. Please consider a donation to help us continue to be there when someone needs us most. To donate, visit our [website](#).

## Introducing New TSC Staff Member Coryn Lombardi

TSC welcomes Coryn Lombardi! She is joining TSC as our new Grant Program Coordinator. She formally joined the TSC family in January 2024.

Coryn has nearly 5 years of experience as a fundraising professional. After a decade in environmental education, Coryn transitioned to fundraising and grant development.

Coryn most recently worked as the Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern New Jersey's Development Manager, where she oversaw the annual planning and implementation of several high-impact events.

Coryn will implement our TRUCK SAFETY ROADSHOW Grant we are kicking off in 2024. TSC could not be more thrilled about Coryn joining the team and looks forward to her enhancing our ability to save lives and reduce truck crash injuries.

# TRUCK SAFETY ROADSHOWS

## *UNDERRIDE CRASHES ARE UNACCEPTABLE*

TSC has received generous grant funding to conduct TRUCK (Training to Renew Underride Countermeasure Knowledge) Safety Roadshows nationwide!

These workshops are innovative educational forums that will enhance the identification and documentation of large truck underride crashes and additional life-saving countermeasures to reduce truck crash deaths and injuries in the United States. Specifically, TRUCK Safety Roadshows will:

- Make a measurable impact on improving truck safety knowledge
- Improve law enforcement's ability to identify and document underride crashes
- Improve rear underride guard inspection enforcement
- Improve awareness of high-impact technological solutions



Are you involved in your State or City's Department of Transportation and/or Law Enforcement and interested in having a TRUCK Safety Roadshow at no cost to you???

EMAIL Coryn Lombardi:  
[coryn@trucksafety.org](mailto:coryn@trucksafety.org) today!!!

# Volunteer Spotlight: Laura Fredericks



On November 28, 2017, 24-year-old Emily Fredricks was riding her bicycle to work as a pastry chef in Philadelphia when she was hit and killed by a private sanitation truck. The driver was initially charged with homicide by vehicle, involuntary manslaughter, and recklessly endangering another human being, those charges were dismissed in August of 2022.

Emily's parents, Laura and Rich, embodied incredible courage and resilience and chartered a course for change. They quickly founded the [Emily Fredericks Foundation](#), The foundation funds numerous bicycle and pedestrian safety initiatives, including establishing a fund in collaboration with the Outer Banks Community Foundation (OBCF), a vacation destination cherished by Emily.

In 2018, Laura additionally co-founded Families for Safe Streets Greater Philadelphia in an effort to combat traffic violence. They recently held an event in Philadelphia on [World Day of Remembrance](#) and urged officials and legislators to take actionable steps to address pedestrian and cyclist fatality crisis in Philadelphia.

Laura additionally volunteers with us at the Truck Safety Coalition. She and Rich are regular attendees at our Grief Counseling Nights with Rob Zucker, generously donate and sponsor events such as Sorrow to Strength, and Laura additionally sends out thoughtful handwritten crash anniversary cards to truck crash victims and survivors. Laura is a highly valued member of our powerful community and today we honor ALL she does AND continues do in her daughter's memory.

Thank you Laura!!!

# TRUCK SAFETY COALITION IN THE NEWS



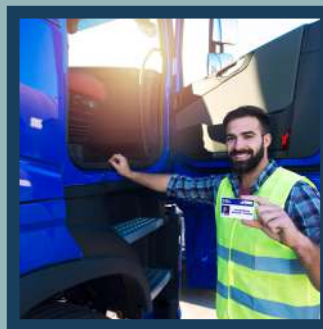
TSC presented on CMV Safety Advocacy at the USDOT/K-State University Midwest Commercial Vehicle Safety Summit this past November. TSC Board Members Jennifer Tierney and Lee Jackson and IIHS Director of Statistical Services, Eric Teoh participated in a panel moderated by TSC Executive Director, Zach Cahalan.

[Watch the Recording](#)

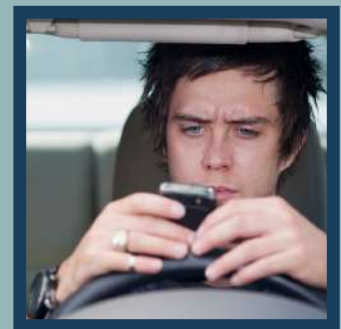
## Additional Stories



[StreetsBlog: The Need to Increase Minimum CMV Insurance](#)



[Freightwaves: Safety Advocates Fire Back at FMCSA Over CDL 'Flexibility' NPRM](#)



[HuffPo: Teen Trucking Pilot Has Flat Tire](#)

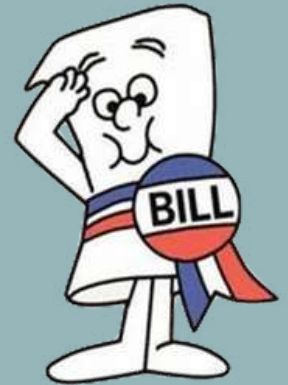
# Government Affairs Update

Congress may be stuck in neutral, but somehow legislative shenanigans and Agency Rulemaking continue unabated! Take a look at just SOME of the recent government affairs happenings impacting our world.

## • Pro-Safety Bills Introduced

Representatives Chuy Garcia (D-IL-4) and Hank Johnson (D-GA-4) introduced **H.R.6884, the Fair Compensation for Truck Crash Victims Act**. This bill would increase the Minimum CMV Liability for Property-Carrying Carriers to \$5M and index it to medical care cost inflation.

Senators Alex Padilla (D-CA) and Ed Markey (D-MA) as well as Representatives Jefferson Van Drew (R-NJ-02) and Mark Takano (D-CA-39), respectively, introduced **S.3273/H.R.6359, the Guaranteeing Overtime for Truckers Act**. These bills would eliminate the unjust and unfair exemption in the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) that denies truck drivers overtime pay.



## • Leadership Changes at FMCSA & NHTSA

Administrator Hutcheson resigned as FMCSA Administrator effective 01/26. Assistant Administrator and Chief Safety Officer, Sue Lawless, will serve as Acting Administrator in her stead. TSC and victim representatives had the opportunity to meet with both leaders in December to maintain an emphasis on critical truck safety priorities that are needed to reduce truck crash deaths and injuries.

As required by statute, NHTSA Acting Administrator, Ann Carlson, served the maximum time permitted lacking Senate confirmation and has resigned. Deputy Administrator, Sophie Shulman, has been named new Acting Administrator for the Agency.

## • Local Crash Victim Volunteers Shine

Pam Biddle provided a statement that was read aloud in an Indiana House Roads & Transportation Hearing supporting the requirement to have human safety operators in any Autonomous Trucks being tested in Indiana.

Jennifer Tierney had an in-District with Representative Virginia Foxx (R-VA-05) and Michelle Grubbs met with House Committee on Oversight and Accountability Chair James Comer (R-KY-01), both soliciting support for an unfiled Bill, the Mail Traffic Deaths Reporting Act, which would require USPS Contracted Freight Companies to disclose truck crash deaths or injuries to USPS as well as USPS to regularly disclose to the public the number of people killed or injured by contractors selected by the USPS.

Michelle Grubbs ALSO filed a petition to FMCSA to amend driver disqualifications that would require any “at-fault” truck driver to lose their CDL for killing people while driving a truck. Seems reasonable to us that killing someone on the job means you have find a new way to make a living.





# TSC'S GIVING TUESDAY VOLUNTEERS RAISE \$20K!!!



The amazing volunteers at TSC decided to encourage their friends and relatives to donate to the Truck Safety Coalition on November 28th. What an incredible day because of each of you!

Thank you to our dedicated community of supporters who came together to rally for truck safety on #GivingTuesday. With your help, we've raised over \$20K!!! TSC is grateful to everyone who made a gift and helped to spread the word to advocate for crash victims and survivors at TSC!

**We would like to express a heartfelt THANK YOU to our Giving Tuesday VOLUNTEERS!!! You made a remarkable impact.**



- Dawn King
- Julie Huntington
- Pam Biddle
- Lisa Alleman
- Beth Badger
- Amanda Bettinger
- Raven Williams
- Tina Friedrich Silva
- Gage Evans
- Christina Petterson
- Anna Guardipee
- Charity Hardy
- Eileen Miller
- Wyatt Frost Memorial Foundation

thank you  
so much

 A large, stylized red heart with a smiling face (two eyes with blue and white stripes, a small nose, and a curved mouth) is centered behind the text 'thank you' and 'so much'.

## Double Your Donation

# EMPLOYER MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM

Corporate matching gifts are a type of philanthropy in which companies financially match donations that their employees make to any nonprofit organization of their choice, such as the Truck Safety Coalition.



Every company has different program guidelines including matching gift ratio, minimum & maximum amounts and submission deadlines. Contact your company's representative to learn more information. Questions? Contact Johnetha Lindsey at (202) 937-6430 or by [email](#).

### Companies With Known Matching Gift Programs

3 M Corporation  
Abbott Laboratories  
Adobe Systems  
ADP Foundation  
Aetna Corporation  
AIG Insurance  
Alliant Energy Foundation  
Allstate Foundation  
American Airlines  
American Express  
Applebee's International, Inc  
ARAMARK Corporation  
AT&T  
Avon  
Bank of America  
Bartlett & West Engineering  
Boeing Corporation  
Budget Rent-A-Car  
Burlington Northern Santa Fe

Caleres Inc.  
Capitol Federal Financial  
Cargill Inc  
Caterpillar  
Cessna/Trexton Aviation  
Chevron Corporation  
CIGNA Corp  
Citgo Petroleum Corporation  
Citigroup  
Clorox Company  
Coca-Cola  
Colgate-Palmolive Company  
Cooper Tire & Rubber Company  
Dow Chemical/Dow Inc  
Evergry  
FHLBank  
Ford Foundation  
Ford Motor Company  
Gap Inc

General Electric Foundation  
General Mills Corporation  
General Motors  
Georgia Pacific  
Goodrich  
H & R Block Foundation  
Hallmark Cards  
Hewlett-Packard  
Palmolive  
Home Depot  
Honeywell Inc  
J.C. Penney Company Inc  
JPMorgan Chase  
Johnson & Johnson  
Kimberly Clark  
Kmart/Transformco  
Macy's  
McDonald's Corporation  
Microsoft

PepsiCo  
Pfizer Inc  
Pizza Hut/Yum! Brands  
Proctor & Gamble  
Progressive Corporation  
Prudential Financial  
Quaker Oats/PepsiCo  
Ricoh  
Starbucks Corporation  
Taco Bell/Yum! Brands  
The Central National Bank  
T-Mobile US  
Union Pacific Corporation  
United Parcel Service of America Inc  
US Bankcorp Foundation  
US Foods  
Verizon Wireless/Verizon Communications  
Walmart  
Wells Fargo

*A matching gift can make at least twice the impact as we strive to help victim families & survivors of preventable truck crashes.*

# 2024 Annual Campaign

## Q1 off to a great start!



WE ARE 75% AWAY FROM ACHEIVING OUR QUARTERLY GOAL!

We are just about to hit the first of many milestones to come during our 2024 Annual Campaign! One month into the year we are nearly at the 25% mark! Our goal is \$100,000 between now and March 31st, and we need your help to reach it. Please consider a donation to help us continue to be there when someone needs us most. To donate, visit our [website](#).

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- Engage with our Community
- Join our Zoom nights
- Sign up for our Action Alerts and Newsletter!