



**Chris Spear**  
President & Chief Executive Officer

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Dear ATA Family:

In March of 2020, our nation and industry met an unprecedented challenge that impacted every aspect of life as we knew it. Our industry braved the front-line, providing essential services and delivering goods to American households all over the country in the fight against COVID-19. Today, as we continue to battle, protecting the health, safety and well-being of our workforce remains most important to us.

After discussing major challenges such as travel bans, equipment donations, CDC restrictions, ability for state trucking associations to host events prior to August and building capacity in Minneapolis, the decision has been made to cancel the 2021 National Truck Driving Championships & National Step Van Driving Championships (NTDC/NSVDC) this year, which had been scheduled for August 11-14 in Minneapolis, MN.

Our industry's creed and the very spirit of these competitions is "safety first," and this outcome reflects that. This decision is made out of an abundance of caution on behalf of the professional drivers, companies and family members who organize, host and cheer on competitors. We believe this decision is necessary to maintain the integrity and atmosphere of a "national" championship.

As I have said many times, NTDC is the event I most look forward to every year. Know that we do not take this decision lightly. The Super Bowl of Safety had not been cancelled since World War II until last year, which is a testament to just how unprecedented this present challenge is.

We congratulate all drivers who have driven accident-free over the past year and the scores who have accumulated millions of accident-free miles. Thank you for every mile you run and every delivery you make. You make your families, our industry and country proud. You all are heroes.

Continue to stay safe, and thank you for all you do. We certainly look forward to seeing you in Indianapolis, IN in 2022.

Best,

Chris Spear  
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American Trucking Associations