

Women In Motion's Outstanding Advocates

Representative Abigail Spanberger Trucking Workforce Development Champion



Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger represents the people of Virginia's Seventh Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. First elected in 2018, she serves on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on Agriculture. Additionally, she is a member of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus.

Rep. Spanberger has worked tirelessly to address the trucking workforce shortage in Virginia and across the country, and she has taken action to support current drivers as well.

One of Rep. Spanberger's priorities has been to remove unnecessary barriers to commercial driver's licenses (CDL) to encourage more people to seek training and obtain good-paying jobs in the industry. She introduced the *Veteran Improvement Commercial Driver License Act* (H.R. 2830), bipartisan legislation that would enhance veterans' ability to use their GI benefits to pay for CDL training programs. She also introduced the *Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act* (H.R. 1477) to allow Americans to use 529 education savings accounts to pay for skills training, credentialing, and certification programs.

To help retain current truck drivers and attract new people to the industry, Rep. Spanberger introduced the *Strengthening Supply Chains Through Truck Driver Incentives Act* (H.R. 2450). This bill would create a fast and straightforward incentive for workers in the industry by establishing a refundable income tax credit for qualified commercial truck drivers.

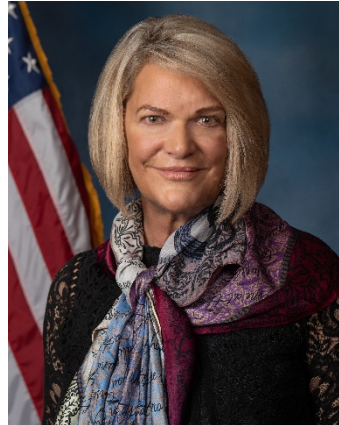


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Removing financial and regulatory hurdles to training and credentialing will increase the number of truck drivers and technicians, particularly among underrepresented groups, including women, who might otherwise be deterred from pursuing the skilled trades.

Rep. Spanberger grew up in Virginia. She earned her B.A. at the University of Virginia and her MBA through a dual degree program between Purdue University's Krannert School and the GISMA Business School in Hanover, Germany. She speaks English, Spanish, German, and French.

Senator Cynthia Lummis Truck Parking Champion



Upon being sworn into the U.S. Senate on January 3, 2021, Cynthia Lummis became the first woman to serve as Senator from the great State of Wyoming. As a member of the Committee on Environment & Public Works and the Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation, Senator Lummis exerts her influence to address the transportation needs of small businesses and communities across Wyoming and the country.

Senator Lummis is committed to updating our aging national infrastructure, and her clarion voice for rural regions helps to shape major legislation and ensure that the benefits flow equally to all Americans, regardless of where they live.

One of the many key issues Senator Lummis has been a leader on is tackling the dire shortage of commercial truck parking nationwide. The lack of safe and accessible truck parking places an enormous and costly burden on our nation's truck drivers as they work to deliver for the American people.

Currently, there are more than 11 truck drivers for every single parking space. Studies show that 98% of drivers report problems finding safe truck parking, and the average driver spends 56 minutes of available drive time every day looking for parking. That wasted time amounts to a \$5,500 loss in annual compensation – or a 12% annual pay cut. Moreover, 58% of all drivers admit to parking in unauthorized or undesignated spots at least three times per week to meet their parking needs.

To mitigate this serious problem, Senator Lummis introduced the bipartisan *Truck Parking Safety Improvement Act*. Her bill would allocate funds to create thousands of safe parking spots for trucks



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and make necessary improvements to existing truck parking areas. This vital measure would strengthen our supply chain and improve highway safety for all motorists.

Senator Lummis has had a distinguished career in public service. Prior to the Senate, she served in the U.S. House of Representatives, in the Wyoming State House and Senate, and as the Wyoming State Treasurer.

Senator Lummis operated her family's cattle ranches and the Sweetgrass development in Laramie County with her brother and sister. She is a three-time graduate of the University of Wyoming in animal science, biology and law.

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik
Independent Contractor Business Model Champion



Congresswoman Elise Stefanik represents New York's 21st District in the House of Representatives. She was first elected in 2014, becoming the youngest woman ever elected to Congress. In 2021, she was chosen by her colleagues to serve in House Leadership as Chair of the House Republican Conference.

Rep. Stefanik was born and raised in Upstate New York. Prior to serving in Congress, she worked at her family's small business. Her upbringing taught her the hard work and perseverance necessary to build, operate, and grow small businesses.

In addition to serving on a number of national security committees, Rep. Stefanik is a member of the Committee on Education and Labor. In this role, she has fought hard to encourage and improve vocational education programs, workforce development, and apprenticeships. She also advocates for lowering taxes and fundamental tax reform to create a flatter, fairer system to increase opportunity for families, business owners, workers, and entrepreneurs.

With independent contractors increasingly coming under attack, Rep. Stefanik has been their stalwart defender in Congress. Many women in the trucking industry have successfully used this pathway to entrepreneurship, which provides them with the flexibility they need to launch and run their own businesses.

Rep. Stefanik is a co-author of the *Modern Worker Empowerment Act*, which would help eliminate inconsistencies in federal law and reduce confusion for American workers and entrepreneurs hoping to do business with independent contractors. By protecting the independent contractor model, this bill would uplift female entrepreneurs and others who work hard to achieve the American dream.



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Rep. Stefanik was the first member of her immediate family to receive a college degree, graduating with honors from Harvard University.