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Hon. Mark Green
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
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Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Bennie Thompson
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security
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Dear Chairman Green and Ranking Member Thompson:

On behalf of the public and private sector members of the Border Trade Alliance, we write to respectfully urge you to consider including H.R. 5840, the Transportation Security Modernization Act, at the April 10th markup.

We believe the legislation would enhance supply chain security while also removing bureaucratic barriers to credentialing by streamlining the background check process required for workers to secure their Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) and Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME).

The legislation would codify decades-old recommendations from the Department of Homeland Security and the Government Accountability Office by harmonizing the TWIC and HME background check systems and allow applicants to seek enrollment in multiple security threat assessment programs at the same time and under a reduced fee structure.

An important step in making our supply chain stronger and more resilient is by dramatically improving the security program application process for our workers. Having multiple programs subject to the same background check but with different regulatory requirements increases red tape and drives up costs. Our truck drivers, warehouse workers, and other logistics professionals deserve better.

The Border Trade Alliance, whose members include customs brokers, third-party logistics providers, trucking companies, and freight forwarders, believes the Transportation Security Modernization Act is long overdue. We thank you in advance for your consideration of this important legislation for markup.

Sincerely,

Britton Mullen
President