

September 23, 2024

The Honorable Mark Green
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
176 Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bennie Thompson
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
H2-117 Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Green and Ranking Member Thompson,

We, the undersigned coalition of associations representing trucking, rail, energy, organized labor, agriculture, maritime cargo handling, third-party logistics providers, and other key supply chain stakeholders are grateful that the U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security will consider the *Transportation Security Screening Modernization Act* during the markup scheduled for September 25, 2024, and we appreciate your commitment to advancing this critical legislation. Our coalition strongly supports the amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) to the *Transportation Security Screening Modernization Act* that the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation passed unanimously on July 31, 2024, and urges swift approval of this legislation without additional edits.

The bipartisan ANS to the *Transportation Security Screening Modernization Act* makes the federal credentialing process more accessible and affordable for supply chain workers by harmonizing the security threat assessment programs administered by the Transportation Security Administration that require the same background check. The legislation streamlines the enrollment and renewal processes for the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) and Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME) programs, ultimately reducing hassle and out-of-pocket expenses for workers who need multiple security credentials as a condition of employment.

Federal credentialing procedures should be streamlined, accessible, and affordable so that workers can obtain the documentation they need to do their jobs without navigating needless bureaucracy. The ANS is a long-overdue solution for the supply chain workers who have borne the costs of duplication and inefficiency for far too long, and the *Transportation Security Screening Modernization Act* directs the implementation of streamlined system that supports these hard-working individuals who keep our supply chain running. We thank Chairman Green for his original sponsorship of this legislation and Representatives Garret Graves, Adam Smith, Michael Guest, Dina Titus, and Salud Carbajal for their co-leadership in this effort, and we hope that the U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security will approve the bipartisan ANS on Wednesday. Thank you for your leadership of this Committee and your support on this important issue.

Sincerely,

AATCO
Agricultural and Food Transporters Conference
Agricultural Retailers Association
AgTC Agriculture Transportation Coalition
Alabama Trucking Association
Alaska Fuel Storage and Handlers Alliance
Alaska Trucking Association
Allied Van Lines
American Association of Port Authorities

American Chemistry Council
American Pyrotechnics Association
American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association
American Trucking Associations
Arizona Moving Association
Arizona Petroleum Marketers Association
Arizona Trucking Association
Arkansas Oil Marketers Association, Inc.
Arkansas Trucking Association
Association of American Railroads
Automobile Carriers Conference
Baggett Transportation
Bennett Heavy & Specialized
Border Trade Alliance
California Trucking Association
Colorado Motor Carriers Association
Colorado Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Connecticut Energy Marketers Association
Delaware Motor Transport Association
Empire State Energy Association, Inc.
Energy Marketers Association of Rhode Island
Energy Marketers of America
Florida Petroleum Marketers Association, Inc.
Florida Trucking Association
Fresh Produce Association of the Americas
FUEL Iowa
Fuel Merchants Association of New Jersey
Fuel True: Independent Energy and Convenience of Kansas
Fueling Minnesota
Garner Trucking Ltd
Gases and Welding Distributors Association
Georgia Motor Trucking Association
Georgia Oilmen's Association
Government Freight Conference
Harbor Trucking Association
Hawaii Energy Marketers Association
Hawaii Transportation Association
Idaho Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association
Idaho Trucking Association
Illinois Fuel & Retail Association
Illinois Trucking Association
Indiana Food & Fuel Association
Indiana Motor Truck Association
Institute of Makers of Explosives
Intermodal Motor Carriers Conference
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
International Longshore and Warehouse Union Washington Area District Council
Interstate Natural Gas Association of America
Iowa Motor Truck Association
Kansas Motor Carriers Association

Kentucky Petroleum Marketers Association
Kentucky Trucking Association
Louisiana Motor Transport Association
Louisiana Oil Marketers and Convenience Store Association
Lynden Inc.
Maine Energy Marketers Association
Maine Motor Transport Association
Maryland Motor Truck Association
Michigan Petroleum Association / Michigan Association of Convenience Stores
Michigan Trucking Association
Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Distributors' Association
Minnesota Trucking Association
Mississippi Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Stores Association
Mississippi Trucking Association
Missouri Petroleum & Convenience Association
Missouri Trucking Association
Montana Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Montana Trucking Association
Motor Transport Association of Connecticut
Moving and Storage Conference
National Association of Chemical Distributors
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Energy & Fuels Institute
National Industrial Transportation League
National Motor Freight Traffic Association
National Private Truck Council
National Propane Gas Association
National Tank Truck Carriers
National Van Lines
NATSO, Representing America's Travel Plazas and Truckstops
Nebraska Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Nebraska Trucking Association
Nevada Trucking Association
New England Convenience Store & Energy Marketers Association
New Hampshire Motor Transport Association
New Jersey Motor Truck Association
New Mexico Petroleum Marketers Association
New Mexico Trucking Association
North American Van Lines
North Carolina Petroleum & Convenience Marketers
North Carolina Trucking Association
North Dakota Petroleum Marketers Association
North Dakota Motor Carriers Association
Ohio Energy & Convenience Association
Ohio Trucking Association
Oklahoma Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Oklahoma Trucking Association
Oregon Fuels Association
Oregon Trucking Associations
Paxton Van Lines

Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association
Pennsylvania Petroleum Association
Petroleum & Convenience Marketers of Alabama
Prester Trucking Inc.
PTS Worldwide, Inc.
Radiopharmaceutical Shippers & Carriers Committee
Railway Supply Institute
Reify Solutions
Republic Moving & Storage
Rhode Island Trucking Association
SIGMA: America's Leading Fuel Marketers
SJ Transportation
South Carolina Convenience & Petroleum Marketers Association
South Carolina Trucking Association
South Dakota Petroleum & Propane Marketers Association
South Dakota Trucking Association
Tennessee Fuel and Convenience Store Association
Tennessee Trucking Association
Texas Food & Fuel Association
Texas Trucking Association
The Fertilizer Institute
Transportation Intermediaries Association
Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO
Tri-State Motor Transit Co.
Trucking Association of Massachusetts
Trucking Association of New York
Truckload Carriers Association
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Utah Petroleum Marketers & Retailers Association
Utah Trucking Association
Vermont Fuel Dealers Association
Vermont Truck and Bus Association
Virginia Petroleum & Convenience Marketers Association
Virginia Trucking Association
Washington Independent Energy Distributors
Washington Movers Conference
Washington State Labor Council
Washington Trucking Associations
West Virginia Oil Marketers & Grocers Association
West Virginia Trucking Association
Western Petroleum Marketers Association
Wisconsin Fuel and Retail Association
Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association
Women in Motion
Wyoming Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association
Wyoming Trucking Association
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