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Shippers Coalition Praises SHIP IT Act

Our broken yet vital supply chain needs the SHIP IT Act to ensure access to critical goods.

Washington, D.C. – The Shippers Coalition applauds Congressman Dusty Johnson (R-SD) and Congressman Jim Costa (D-CA) for introducing the Safer Highways and Increased Performance for Interstate Trucking Act, the “SHIP IT Act.” This bill provides common-sense solutions by taking a holistic view of the pain points in the supply chain by increasing shipping capacity, lessening burdens on current and future truck drivers, providing incentives to recruit and retain drivers, and allowing additional flexibilities during times of emergency. These solutions will ensure consumers have access to critical goods and bring much-needed reform to a system that has been long neglected.

The SHIP IT Act modernizes the authority for certain vehicle waivers during emergencies, allows truck drivers to apply for workforce grants, streamlines the CDL process, and assists with truck parking difficulties. This bipartisan bill will drastically improve our supply chain and keep costs down for consumers by making it easier for shippers to move products to every corner of the United States.

“Our supply chain is at a breaking point, and the introduction of the SHIP IT Act is a critical step in building a stronger transportation network. The SHIP IT Act will strengthen our nation’s supply chains before another crisis occurs. Congressman Dusty Johnson has a proven record of being a leader on these issues, which was witnessed in his steadfast commitment to the passage of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act (OSRA). The OSRA was needed to ease the backlog at ports and the SHIP IT Act is the natural next step to continue the important work of bolstering the nation’s supply chain.” – **Sean Joyce, Executive Director, Shippers Coalition**

“At PepsiCo, we’re committed to continually improving how we do business so we can safely support the communities we serve, meet the needs of our consumers and the demands of our customers. As one of the largest private fleets in North America, PepsiCo is pleased that provisions in the SHIP IT Act will not only modernize our current supply chain system, but also make roads safer and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.” – **Jim Farrell, Senior Vice President, Transportation, PepsiCo**

“The SHIP IT Act offers tangible solutions that stand to immediately address pressing supply chain challenges. We call on Congress to pass this bipartisan legislation and take meaningful

steps to lower consumer costs, enhance efficiency and support safety.” – **Thomas Madrecki, Vice President, Supply Chain, Consumer Brands Association (CBA)**

“Congressmen Johnson and Costa have introduced a sensible solution for untangling the nation’s supply chain problems and strengthening the U.S. economy. The SHIP IT Act removes numerous regulatory barriers that will make it easier for truckers to do their job – delivering critical products across the country. These regulatory reforms are vital to meeting the current and future transportation needs of our industry, as well as the farmers, manufacturers and energy producers who depend on the business of chemistry. We strongly urge Congress to pass this legislation as soon as possible.” – **Chris Jahn, President and CEO, American Chemistry Council (ACC)**

“The SHIP IT Act is commonsense trucking reform legislation that will help dairy companies overcome many of the current supply chain challenges facing our industry. The legislation would bring the U.S. supply chain into the 21st century to meet the needs of shippers, reduce regulatory burdens that cost shippers millions of dollars a year, create good paying jobs, and support the ambitious sustainability goals of dairy businesses. IDFA is grateful to Reps. Dusty Johnson and Jim Costa for their leadership on this issue, and we urge swift passage of the SHIP IT Act in both chambers of Congress.” – **Michael Dykes, D.V.M., President and CEO, International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA)**

“Milk is a perishable commodity that needs to move quickly along the supply chain from the farm to the consumer. The damages wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic and the supply chain snarls that followed have shown how important it is to find safe, efficient means of transporting goods across the country. We commend Representatives Dusty Johnson (R-SD) and Jim Costa (D-CA) for their bipartisan Safer Highways and Increased Performance for Interstate Trucking Act. This measure includes important provisions that will improve transportation efficiency and sustainability within the U.S. dairy industry.” – **Jim Mulhern, President and CEO, National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF)**

“AF&PA is proud to support the Safer Highways and Increased Performance for Interstate Trucking (SHIP IT) Act to help alleviate supply chain constraints experienced across industries resulting from challenges related to the ongoing rail labor uncertainties. AF&PA has long advocated for many of the key provisions in this bipartisan bill. We thank Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-SD-AL) and Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-21st) for their continued support, leadership and commitment to crafting a multifaceted approach to build stronger supply chains in the United States. This legislation will provide more flexibility and reliability to the forest products industry for receiving products integral to the papermaking process. Reliable transportation helps deliver our essential products to their final destination faster and more efficiently. We look forward to working with our partners in the Shippers Coalition and on Capitol Hill to move the SHIP IT Act forward in the 118th U.S. Congress.” – **Heidi Brock, President and CEO, The American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA)**

About the Shippers Coalition: The Shippers Coalition is the leading safety voice in building a more modern, safe, and environmentally friendly trucking system. The Coalition is a joint effort of more than 80 of the nation's most prominent manufacturers, agribusinesses, and trade associations, including Anheuser-Busch, PepsiCo, Coca-Cola, the American Chemistry Council, the Consumer Brands Association, Niagara Bottling, Tyson Foods, Procter & Gamble, and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, among others. The Shippers Coalition seeks to improve supply chains and freight transportation, all while advancing safety and reducing emissions, vehicle miles traveled, fuel consumption, and congestion. The Coalition is sharing the story of shippers across the country and propose solutions that increase fluidity in the supply chain.

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