

May 19, 2023

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of our collective food and agricultural memberships, we write to thank you for holding votes on a series of bills designed to improve our nation's supply chains. We believe economic and environmental benefits can be unlocked through many of the bills that will be considered.

In particular, our groups support the following bills:

H.R. 3372 - 91,000-lb. Weight Exemption Pilot Program
H.R. 3318 - 10% Axle Variance for Dry Bulk
H.R. 3408 – Developing Responsible Individuals for a Vibrant Economy (DRIVE) Safe Integrity Act
H.R. 1836 – Ocean Shipping Reform Implementation Act
H.R. 3013 – Licensing Individual Commercial Exam-takers Now Safely and Efficiently
H.R. 2367 – Truck Parking Safety Improvement Act

We would like to emphasize that H.R. 3372 increases truck productivity and environmental efficiency. It does so by allowing states to opt into a pilot program that authorizes trucks weighing no more than 91,000 pounds and having at least six axles to use the Interstate Highways. The additional axle and set of brakes serve to increase stopping capability, and bridges would be protected through the Federal bridge formula requirement.

We believe by supporting these bills, Congress can achieve positive benefits for the environment while improving the economic competitiveness of the United States. We look forward to working with you in support of improving U.S. transportation and bolstering America's infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Transportation Working Group

National Associations

Agricultural & Food Transporters Conference of American Trucking Associations
Agricultural Retailers Association
Agriculture Transportation Coalition
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American Bakers Association
American Beekeeping Federation
American Beverage Association
American Building Materials Alliance
American Cotton Shippers Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Feed Industry Association
American Sheep Industry Association
American Soybean Association
American Sugar Alliance
American Sugar Cane League

Consumer Brands Association
Corn Refiners Association
Cotton Growers Warehouse Association
Forest Resources Association
Hardwood Federation
Institute of Shortening and Edible Oils
International Dairy Foods Association
International Fresh Produce Association
Leather and Hide Council of America
Livestock Marketing Association
Meat Import Council of America
National Aquaculture Association
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Barley Growers Association
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
National Corn Growers Association
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Grain and Feed Association
National Grocers Association
National Milk Producers Federation
National Oilseed Processors Association
National Pork Producers Council
National Potato Council
National Sorghum Producers
National Sunflower Association
National Turkey Federation
North American Meat Institute
North American Millers' Association
North American Renderers Association
Pet Food Institute
SNAC International
Soy Transportation Coalition
Specialty Soya & Grains Alliance
The Fertilizer Institute
U.S. Canola Association
U.S. Forage Export Council
U.S. Meat Export Federation
US Pea and Lentil Trade Association
USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council
USA Rice

State and Regional Associations

Agribusiness Association of Iowa
Agribusiness Council of Indiana
California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association
California Fresh Fruit Association
California Grain and Feed Association
Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Association
Grain and Feed Association of Illinois
Illinois Soybean Association
Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association
Kansas Grain and Feed Association

Michigan Agri-Business Association
Michigan Bean Shippers
Minnesota Grain and Feed Association
Missouri Agribusiness Association
Montana Agricultural Business Association
North Dakota Agricultural Association
North Dakota Grain Dealers Association
North Dakota Grain Growers Association
Northeast Agribusiness & Feed Alliance
Northern Pulse Growers Association
Ohio AgriBusiness Association
Oklahoma Agribusiness Retailers Association
Oklahoma Grain and Feed Association
Pacific Coast Renderers Association
Pacific Northwest Grain & Feed Association
Rocky Mountain Agribusiness Association
South Dakota Agri-Business Association
Texas Grain and Feed Association
United Dairymen of Arizona
Washington Association of Wheat Growers
Washington State Potato Commission
Western Agricultural Processors Association
Western Pulse Growers Association
Wisconsin Agri-Business Association

cc: House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Members