



June 3, 2015

The Honorable John Thune
Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
United States Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-4105

The Honorable Bill Nelson
Ranking Member, Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
United States Senate
716 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0904

Dear Chairman Thune and Ranking Member Nelson:

We write to express our strong support for including S. 1454, the "Transportation and Logistics Hiring Reform Act" as part of the long-term surface transportation reauthorization. S. 1454 introduced by Senators Fischer and Blunt, enhances interstate commerce by creating a national hiring standard for motor carriers and serves as a vital reform for the confusing and conflicting vagaries CSA scores create in the supply-chain.

S. 1454 plays an important role towards improving safety within the transportation industry, specifically by establishing a national standard for hiring motor carriers. Under the bill, a hiring entity would be required to ensure that a carrier is properly registered, has obtained the minimum required insurance, and is not unsatisfactory. Currently, there is no standard or duty of care an entity must take when hiring a carrier and this is a huge step towards removing unsafe carriers from the highways.

S. 1454 creates a clear objective standard for hiring a motor carrier. This provides the industry with greater certainty in their selection of properly vetted carriers, ensuring they will not be considered negligent in their hiring of those carriers. Currently, industry stakeholders are often asked to second-guess the FMCSA on determining which carriers are safe to operate and those that are not. Congress tasked the FMCSA with evaluating motor carrier safety and empowered them with the sole authority to revoke the interstate operating authority of unsafe motor carriers and place those motor carriers out-of-service and off the road.

Thank you for your consideration of inclusion of this important piece of legislation in the Transportation Reauthorization.

The Association of the Professional 3PL Industry

Sincerely,



CC: Senator Deb Fischer
Senator Roy Blunt