

## **Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance**

Improving uniformity in commercial motor vehicle safety and enforcement

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The Honorable Peter DeFazio Chairman Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20015

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton Chairman Subcommittee on Highways and Transit Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20015

The Honorable Donald M. Payne, Jr. Chairman Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20015

Dear Chairmen DeFazio, Norton and Payne:

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) thanks you for introducing the Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation (INVEST) in America Act. CVSA is a nonprofit association comprised of local, state, provincial, territorial and federal commercial motor vehicle safety officials and industry representatives. The Alliance aims to achieve uniformity, compatibility and reciprocity of commercial motor vehicle inspections and enforcement by certified inspectors dedicated to driver and vehicle safety. Our mission is to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and uniformity throughout Canada, Mexico and the United States, by providing guidance and education to enforcement, industry and policy makers.

The bill lays out a bold vision for the future of surface transportation in this country. The INVEST in America Act makes significant improvements to commercial motor vehicle safety and enforcement. The bill provides robust funding for the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program and other commercial motor vehicle safety grant programs. In addition, the bill provides the states with additional flexibility, which will allow them to make the best use of these safety funds, while also restructuring critical state training related to commercial motor vehicle enforcement. The bill tightens requirements pertaining to exemptions from the regulations, which will improve safety on our roads. Finally, the bill calls for significant advancements related to commercial motor vehicle safety

technology, in particular the requirement for a universal electronic identifier on all newly manufactured commercial motor vehicles.

While CVSA is still reviewing the details of the bill, it is clear that the INVEST in America Act does much to improve safety and provide the states with the tools they need to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and compliance. The Alliance strongly supports the INVEST in America Act and we look forward to working with you, the Committee and the House of Representatives to advance this critical piece of legislation. Thank you again for your leadership on this issue.

Respectfully,

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