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NASSTRAC Organizes “Stand Up for Shippers” Fly-In Focused on Tackling National Transportation Issues to Ultimately Improve Highway Safety

Chicago -- On March 3-4, 2015, The National Shippers Strategic Transportation Council (NASSTRAC) along with the Coalition of Transportation Productivity (CTP) and the Forest Resources Association (FRA), met with nearly 50 congressional offices and committees in Washington, DC to discuss issues affecting shipper productivity. The issues for the Fly-In included creating certainty and stability for shippers by passing a long-term Highway Reauthorization Bill; supporting a National Motor Carrier Hiring Standard, and improving truck productivity by permitting states to allow the use of heavier weight trucks if equipped with a sixth-axle.

On Tuesday afternoon, NASSTRAC members met with William Quade, Associate Administrator for Enforcement and Delivery at the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), to discuss how their current approach of eliminating bad carriers has had a negative impact on shippers, 3PLs and carriers in good standing. To combat this, Administrator Quade updated NASSTRAC on the changes currently being made to FMCSA's Compliance, Safety, and Accountability (CSA) program designed to identify high risk carriers for inspection and disciplinary action. As a result of that meeting, FMCSA has agreed to present an upcoming webinar to NASSTRAC members to provide background on its efforts and further explain the steps it is taking to improve the program.

"These Fly Ins are important because it gives us an opportunity to provide our Congressional and Senate representatives with a shipper and 3PL perspective on how transportation issues are affecting their businesses, said Chairman of NASSTRAC's Advocacy Committee, Mike Regan. "As one Congressional representative told us, throughout the year we hear from lobbyists and others who attack any legislation which would improve truck productivity. So we need to hear from shippers and third parties about common sense solutions that can help improve the trucking industry and the American economy."

Tuesday evening was capped off with a welcome reception at the Capitol Hill Hotel. Attendees were addressed by Reps. Reid Ribble (R-WI) and Peter Roskam (R-IL) thanking them for taking the time to come to Washington and make their voices heard.

The Capitol Hill meetings on Wednesday were particularly effective with the Republican and Democrat staff of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee—who appreciated hearing from the perspective of shippers. NASSTRAC also met with senior staff of Rep. John J. Duncan (R-TN); thanking them for the congressman's leadership in reintroducing National Carrier Hiring Standard legislation (H.R. 1120).

"Attending the NASSTRAC Stand Up for Shippers Fly-in was a fantastic learning experience for me. Not only was it an opportunity to represent the interests of shippers to members of the house and senate, but it was an invaluable experience to hear their feedback and thoughts on issues affecting shippers and carriers," said Terri Reid, Director of Transportation and Supply Chain for Famous Footwear

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About NASSTRAC

The National Shippers Strategic Transportation Council (NASSTRAC) is a national association that serves transportation and logistics professionals who manage freight across all modes by providing members resources to meet the following challenges head on: rising transportation costs, regulatory issues, legislative decisions, senior management education and more. For more information, visit www.nasstrac.org.

About Coalition of Transportation Productivity (CTP)

The Coalition for Transportation Productivity (CTP) is a coalition of shippers and allied associations dedicated to increasing the federal vehicle weight limit to 97,000 pounds for vehicles equipped with an additional (sixth axle. For more information visit, www.transportationproductivity.org.

About Forest Resources Association (FRA)

The Forest Resources Association (FRA) represents the diverse segments of the wood fiber supply chain promoting forest products industry members' ability to compete successfully in the global marketplace. For more information, visit www.forestresources.org.