



May 22, 2023

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

On behalf of leading retailers, the Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA) applauds the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for their continued bipartisan efforts to advance important legislation to strengthen America's supply chains. Over the last three years retailers have navigated through demand shocks, workforce disruptions, and supply chain bottlenecks, which is why RILA supports the committee's actions to advance legislation that can alleviate current problems and avert future disruptions.

RILA is the trade association of the world's largest, most innovative, and recognizable retail companies and brands. We convene decision-makers, advocate for the industry, and promote operational excellence and innovation. RILA members include more than 200 retailers, product manufacturers, and service suppliers, which together account for more than \$1.5 trillion in annual sales, millions of American jobs, and more than 100,000 stores, manufacturing facilities, and distribution centers domestically and abroad. RILA's membership includes several of the largest importers in the United States.

RILA supported the Ocean Shipping Reform Act (OSRA) because it addressed long-standing issues in the maritime shipping industry by ensuring fair access to ocean shipping capacity, protection from unreasonable fees and retaliatory measures, and bolstered the Federal Maritime Commission's oversight responsibilities. All of these actions are helping untangle supply chain congestion and remove barriers to the movement of goods. Our members are among the largest users of the global supply chain and America's freight transportation system, and the Committee's consideration of additional measures will further enhance their ability to successfully move products from ports to distribution centers and ultimately to stores and customers.

As the Committee considers legislation that further strengthens the supply chain, RILA offers its support for the following bills.

- H.R. 1836, the *Ocean Shipping Reform Implementation Act of 2023*;
- H.R. 2367, the *Truck Parking Safety Improvement Act of 2023*;
- H.R. 915, the *Motor Carrier Safety Selection Standard Act*;

- H.R. 3013, the *Licensing Individual Commercial Exam-takers Now Safely and Efficiently (LICENSE) Act of 2023*; and
- H.R. 3372 *To amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a safety data collection program for certain 6-axle vehicles, and for other purposes.*

We believe these bipartisan legislative proposals are crucial to maintaining a reliable, resilient, and sustainable supply chain. RILA and our members look forward to continuing to work with Congress to develop policies that promote transparency, accountability, fairness, and sustainability in our supply chains.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SG', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sarah Gilmore,
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Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA)