



June 17, 2019

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
Chairman
House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
2251 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rodney Davis
Ranking Member
House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
2251 Rayburn House Office Building
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RE: June 12 Hearing, "Under Pressure: The State of Trucking in America."

Dear Chairman Norton and Ranking Member Davis,

The American Chemistry Council (ACC) is pleased to submit this statement for the record of the Subcommittee's June 12, 2019, hearing, "Under Pressure: The State of Trucking in America." We appreciate the Subcommittee's focus on improving truck safety while addressing transportation challenges that impact U.S. manufacturers and consumers alike.

ACC represents the leading companies in the business of chemistry. ACC members provide innovative products and services that make people's lives better, healthier and safer. As a \$526 billion enterprise, the business of chemistry is a key element in the nation's economy and a large customer of the U.S. trucking system. The U.S. chemical industry is growing, and is increasingly reliant on the U.S. trucking system. A recent analysis conducted by PwC shows that with more than \$200 billion in announced new capital investments, an estimated 60 million metric tons of additional chemical and plastics production capacity is expected to come online by 2022. This will require over 900K additional truck shipments each year. ACC is concerned that constraints in the trucking industry may hinder our future growth and investments in the U.S. economy.

A recent survey of ACC members revealed that 81% of companies have experienced significant challenges due to constraints in the trucking industry. These challenges include service deterioration, delays, and missed shipments, resulting reduced productivity, increased transportation costs, and lost business. The United States needs smart transportation and infrastructure policies to confront these challenges.

ACC supports several specific policy proposals discussed by witnesses during the hearing. In particular:

- We support the DRIVE Safe Act that would create an apprenticeship program for commercial drivers under the age of 21. This would provide much needed relief for the nation's truck driver shortage, while imposing appropriate requirements on drivers and employers to protect public safety.
- We support efforts to safely modernize America's truck weight limit on Interstate Highways. This includes allowing trucks with a 6-axle, 91,000 lbs. configuration, thereby reducing road congestion, fuel consumption, emissions, and infrastructure costs.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission to the hearing record. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Spencer Pederson (202/249-6208, spencer_pederson@americanchemistry.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cal Dooley". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Cal Dooley
President & CEO

Cc: The Honorable Peter Defazio
The Honorable Sam Graves