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NCTA Applauds Credentialing Reform Bill Heading to President's Desk

Raleigh, N.C. – The North Carolina Trucking Association (NCTA) celebrates the recent passage of the Transportation Security Screening Modernization Act in the House of Representatives. This crucial legislation, which has been a focus of the NCTA's advocacy efforts, now awaits President Biden's signature to become law.

"For years, North Carolina's truck drivers have faced unnecessary challenges and costs from an outdated credentialing system," said NCTA President Ben Greenberg. "This bill is a significant step forward in eliminating redundant background checks and fees, helping drivers save time and money while maintaining essential security standards."

The NCTA has prioritized this reform for years, most recently advocating for it during the annual Call on Washington in September. During this event, NCTA members met with lawmakers to emphasize the importance of reducing bureaucratic hurdles for truck drivers, whose work underpins North Carolina's economy and the nation's supply chain.

The bipartisan Transportation Security Screening Modernization Act simplifies the credentialing process by enabling valid background checks to apply across multiple TSA-managed programs, such as the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) and Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME). By codifying recommendations from the Government Accountability Office and the Homeland Security Operational Analysis Center, the bill eliminates duplicative screenings while maintaining robust security assessments.

The NCTA has been a proud partner in this advocacy effort, joining the broader coalition led by the American Trucking Associations (ATA). Through combined efforts, more than 150 organizations across trucking, logistics, labor, and agriculture have supported this landmark legislation, ensuring it addresses the critical needs of the trucking workforce.

"This victory is a testament to the power of collaboration and persistence," said Greenberg. "We are proud of the role NCTA has played in advancing this legislation, and we remain committed to supporting policies that improve the lives of our hardworking truck drivers."

As the voice of North Carolina's trucking industry, the NCTA represents the interests of truck drivers and companies across the state. For more information, visit our website or follow us on social media to stay updated on the latest news and advocacy efforts.

About the North Carolina Trucking Association

The North Carolina Trucking Association (NCTA) serves as the leading advocate for the state's trucking industry. Since 1929, the NCTA has worked to promote safe, efficient, and sustainable trucking operations while advancing the interests of North Carolina's drivers and companies. Learn more at www.nctrucking.com.