



House Unanimously Passes Bill to Ban Booting and Return Cargo

I am pleased to inform you that NC House Bill 472, titled the "Commercial Vehicle & Cargo Protection Act," was passed by the House this morning.

This legislation aims to enhance the protection of commercial vehicles and their cargo through the following key provisions:

- **Prohibition of Immobilization Devices:** The bill makes it a misdemeanor to immobilize a commercial motor vehicle using devices such as boots.
- **Prompt Return of Commercial Cargo:** It mandates that towing companies involved in nonconsensual or government-initiated tows promptly return any towed commercial cargo to its owner or the owner's designee. Additionally, if a trailer containing commercial cargo is towed, the towing company must allow the exchange of the towed trailer with another trailer in equal or better condition.

Thank you to the NCTA Women in Trucking Council for their efforts this week advocating for this common-sense reform. Their advocacy made a real impact.

We extend our gratitude to the primary sponsors of this bill—Representatives Branson, Loftis, Schietzelt, and Hawkins—as well as co-sponsors Representatives Carver, Longest, Pittman, and Scott, for their commitment to supporting North Carolina's commercial transportation sector. Our efforts will now turn to getting this bill through the Senate.