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The Honorable Bill Shuster
U.S. House of Representatives
Chairman
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
U.S. House of Representatives
Ranking Member
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Shuster & Ranking Member DeFazio:

The American Trucking Associations (ATA) writes expressing support for the underlying Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015 (H.R.3763), and for your leadership on this critical legislation. The bill, as written, addresses numerous issues of concern to ATA, including some of the serious shortcomings in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) program and the agency's processes for issuing and retaining current important safety regulations.

ATA sincerely appreciates that the bill seeks to substantially improve the underlying CSA scoring methodology to ensure accuracy and reliability at the individual motor carrier level. We also support the bill's inclusion of a potentially effective and safe approach to creating job opportunities in the trucking industry for young adults through a largely state-based graduated commercial licensing approach. ATA also supports and appreciates the inclusion of a nationally significant freight and highway projects grant program that will pursue a strategic investment in our freight system, and will improve the movement of goods throughout our nation. The inclusion of language that will afford trucking companies the ability to use hair testing as an acceptable form of FMCSA-required employee drug testing is also appreciated.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues to address ATA's and the trucking industry's concerns, and support the passage of a comprehensive long-term surface transportation reauthorization bill.

Thank you again for your unwavering leadership on the important transportation and safety issues before your Committee.

Sincerely,

Bill Graves