



The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
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The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
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and Infrastructure
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Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the Shippers Coalition, we write to express our appreciation for your efforts on H.R. 8870, the *BUILD America 250 Act*. We are encouraged to see the legislation include provisions that address several long-standing challenges facing the freight and supply chain sector, particularly efforts to expand truck parking capacity, strengthen the trucking workforce pipeline, and confront the growing threat of cargo theft. These are practical, bipartisan priorities that have real impacts on supply chain reliability, driver safety, and the efficient movement of goods across the country. We appreciate the Committee's recognition of these issues and its efforts to advance meaningful solutions.

At the same time, as the Committee continues consideration of this package, we look forward to continuing to advocate for the inclusion of provisions that would further improve freight efficiency and strengthen the nation's supply chain network. Specifically, we encourage the inclusion of a modest increase to the gross vehicle weight (GVW) limit, through a narrowly tailored pilot program, as reported on a bipartisan basis by the Committee during the 118th Congress (H.R. 3372). Importantly, H.R. 3372's passage through the Committee demonstrated meaningful support among members of both parties and reflected broad recognition that the proposal warranted further consideration.

As the legislative process moves forward, we respectfully encourage the Committee to support the inclusion of this pilot program in any final package. We believe combining the important workforce, parking, and cargo security provisions already included in the *BUILD America 250 Act* with a carefully structured GVW increase would create a more comprehensive freight modernization package capable of addressing multiple challenges facing the movement of goods throughout the country.

We appreciate your leadership and look forward to continuing to work with members of the Committee as this process advances.

Sincerely,

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