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Gibbs Introduces Bill to Enhance Truck Safety Records

WASHINGTON, DC – Earlier today, Congressman Bob Gibbs introduced H.R. 3093 the Correct the Safety Analysis Act of 2015. The CSA Act will improve compliance and safety ratings systems used by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). The Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) program has substantial flaws that negatively affect a trucking business' reputation and safety rating.

Under the current CSA program, an accident not caused by a truck driver will impact the carrier's score. This can result in lost business and unintended economic damage to the trucking industry. H.R. 3093 directs FMCSA to use CSA scores internally for resource allocation that will ultimately determine if a carrier is safe to use. With this revised system, the public can rely on one clear safety designation, rather than trying to navigate raw CSA scores. The CSA Act aims to reform the FMCSA program that is causing undue and unnecessary harm to the private sector.

After introducing H.R. 3093, Congressman Gibbs released the following statement:

“Truck drivers are the backbone of our nation's commerce and the FMCSA's regulations are not treating this vital industry fairly. Everyone wants to be secure on the road, but misrepresenting safety records of motor carriers does not make our highways safer. The CSA Act will ensure the FMCSA's safety scoring program is applied responsibly to determine a carrier's safety rating without unfairly harming the carrier's safety reputation.

Tom Balzer of the Ohio Trucking Association (OTA) also commented:

“On behalf of our members, I want to thank Congressman Gibbs for his leadership on this important issue. Members of the trucking industry are hard-working people that want to deliver America's products safely and quickly. The FMCSA's program has made it more costly to do business and the reforms in the CSA Act will help alleviate that burden.”

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