

# MINNESOTA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION WINS

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## Reduced your crashes and violations.

American Transportation Research Institute study confirmed that companies who are active in state trucking associations have fewer crashes and violations than non-members. MTA membership directly improves the bottom line.



## Protected CDL restrictions for cannabis use.

Despite passage by the Minnesota legislature, cannabis use remains illegal for CDL holders. MTA worked to ensure that the prohibition is clear and fleets are protected from wrongful discharge lawsuits when removing drug users from operating trucks and other safety sensitive positions.



## Protected independent contractor model.

Successfully prevented changes to the state's IC definition and preserved the right to choose to use independent contractors. Prevented trucking from being swept into the Uber/Lyft minimum wage legislation.



## Grew federal transportation funding without tax increase.

Minnesota roads and bridges will receive more funding through passage of the five-year federal highway bill, and increased state general fund and bonding WITHOUT any new taxes.



## Apprenticeship pilot for younger truck drivers approved.

Successfully lobbied Congress to allow 18-to-20-year-olds to operate commercial vehicles interstate under a pilot program. Also launched Drive the Difference campaign to attract talent to driving and technician job.



## Expanded CDL testing opportunities.

Worked with Driver and Vehicle Services to add more testing slots, including Saturdays, for those seeking commercial driver's license exams.



## Expanded operations for permitted loads.

MTA secured the ability of oversize loads and vehicles operating under a special permit to travel up to 12 feet, 6 inches wide during holiday and summer travel restrictions. In addition, summer weekend travel restrictions will be from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Fridays and Sundays. Also worked with the MnDOT to add Sherburne and Wright Counties to the Metro Frost Zone, effectively expanding the work season to secure critical raw materials and finished products for key construction projects.



## Improved IFTA & IRP transactions.

Holding regular work sessions with DVS to fix problems with new on-line services to complete International Fuel Agreement (IFTA) and International Registration Plan (IRP) transactions.



## Defeated truck driver vaccine mandate and keep your business open

As part of the ATA federation, successfully argued at the United States Supreme Court to strike down the OSHA employer vaccine mandate. Also worked with FMCSA and State of Minnesota to enact and extend COVID exemptions. Passed legislation exempting Payroll Protection Plan loans from Minnesota state income tax as part of business coalition

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## WHAT MTA IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON:

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### **Truckers health insurance plan.**

Have filed BCBS plan with State of Minnesota to create new trucker-only health insurance plan. Available only to MTA members.



### **Limiting and preventing technology mandates.**

We met with FMCSA Administrator to share our opposition to mandated speed limiters and how to implement automated emergency braking systems effectively.



### **No new fuel or electric vehicle mandates.**

Working to maintain state's current emission reduction programs and prevent adoption of Minnesota-specific clean fuel standard, including mandated adoption of electric vehicles.



### **Reducing truck insurance costs.**

Working to reduce key cost drivers in insurance rates: nuclear verdicts. Introducing legislation to reduce lawsuit abuse in Minnesota: repeal the state's state belt gag rule, eliminate phantom damages from Medicare/Medicaid payments, and bring truck-involved crashes fully into Minnesota's no-fault system.



### **Increasing truck parking.**

Seeking dedicated fund to expand truck parking.



### **Eliminating the 12.5% federal excise tax.**

Seeking to eliminate this World War I era tax to drive down vehicle costs and enable fleets to buy new equipment.



### **Reducing barriers to attending truck driver school.**

Asking for state funding to develop an "off-campus room and board" revolving fund program for short term technical programs like truck driver training.



### **Increasing pool of potential diesel technicians.**

Partnering MTA members with Twin Cities Rise to provide basic skills training for potential diesel technicians.



### **Improving quality of commercial license plates.**

Securing examples of corroded and delaminated license plates to demonstrate need for material and production improvements.



### **Generating media coverage.**

Aggressively generating news coverage through legacy media and social media to tell the essentiality and safety message of trucking, and draw new talent to the industry.