

# 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.



## Secured mandated study of barriers to CDL training and testing.

The legislature mandated that state agencies conduct a study of the barriers to recruiting and training Commercial Driver's License holders. This includes delays at state exam stations and other barriers to efficiency. Will also explore how the state can attract talent into the truck driving workforce.



## Limited impact of employee misclassification law.

Succeeded with partners in limiting the impact of the new Employee Classification Law by reducing penalties, ensuring due process for misclassification claims, and reducing scope of Stop Work orders. Prevented trucking from being swept into the Uber/Lyft minimum wage legislation.



## Secured \$12.5 Million for Truck Parking in Minnesota.

2024 Legislature appropriated \$12.5 Million to increase truck parking in Minnesota, including \$4.8 Million in MnDOT Metro District in response to overnight truck parking bans in Minneapolis and St. Paul.



## Updated apprenticeship pilot for younger truck drivers.

Successfully lobbied Congress to make it easier for fleets to participate in pilot that allows 18-to-20-year-olds to operate commercial vehicles interstate. Also launched Drive the Difference campaign to attract talent to driving and technician job.



## Prevented adoption of low carbon fuel standard.

MTA led efforts to prevent adoption of a Minnesota low carbon fuel standard. LCFS would likely accelerate the mandated sale and use of battery electric heavy trucks in Minnesota.



## Expanded training opportunities to fill truck technician demand

MTA partnered with Twin Cities Rise to secure funding for training entry-level diesel technicians. These trained technicians have been placed at MTA member facilities.



## Created New MN Trucker's Health Plan

MTA partnered with Blue Cross Blue Shield and North Risk Partners to create a new trucker-only health insurance plan available only to MTA members.

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## WHAT MTA IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON:



### **Working to Get Out the Vote.**

Working with Minnesota Matters Coalition to turn out voters for the November 2024 election. This non-partisan, non-political campaign is designed to increase voter participation through all methods, including early voting, absentee ballots.



### **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.



### **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.



### **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.