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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE

NMWAIT, Inc supports Meera Joshi, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

With the growing concerns of a national professional truck driver shortage the transportation industry is currently facing bottleneck issues at the nation's ports. Many industry leaders have put the blame solely on the drivers when in totality the entire supply chain industry needs an overhaul, regulations need to be updated and driver concerns need to be taken seriously by law makers. The treatment of professional truck drivers has gone unnoticed, and we encourage the continued dialogue that is currently taking place with many industry leaders to continue to ensure change for all.

The National Minority Women Association in Transportation (NMWAIT), Inc. alongside our collaborative Partners at PAR 18 encourage and support the appointment of Meera Joshi as Administrator to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) at the 117th Legislation Session on December 6, 2021.

During the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee confirmation hearing, Joshi gave exceptional insight to the many questions and concerns that members of the committee had in reference to a host of trucking related topics. With the growing concerns of supply chain efficiency specifically at the ports across the nation, Joshi acknowledged below that changes are needed to address the many pain points professional truck drivers are currently facing in terms of long wait times and detention pay.

“From the perspective of the trucking industry, I think it's critical that there's transparency and that the financial incentives be aligned... So if the trucking community is bearing the brunt of wait times, and that time is not compensated either because they have to hold containers, or because truck drivers have to wait for loading and unloading, then the congestion and the downtime is felt by them.”

NMWAIT, Inc. and PAR 18 applaud Joshi for acknowledging the concerns professional truck drivers are facing and look forward to collaborating with FMSCA and other agencies to ensure voices and concerns are heard and changed is enacted.

With Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee's 22-6 vote in favor of confirming Joshi's appointment we encourage the US Senate and its members to vote in favor of appointing Meera Joshi, Administrator of the FMSCA on December 6, 2021, during the 117th Legislation Session.

Together We Rise In Solidarity!

Sincerely,

National Minority Women Association in Transportation, Inc. & PAR 18