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### **NMWAIT, Inc. Invited to The White House for The Biden Trucking Action Plan Event**

**Washington, D.C.** – NMWAIT, Inc. President, Ashley Watson and Vice President, Sharesse Jackson had the honor of being invited to the White House to take part in the Biden Trucking Action Plan event on April 4, 2022. The event marked a significant time in history not only for NMWAIT, Inc but also for the many women and men that continue to advocate for positive change in the transportation industry.

All in attendance had an opportunity to hear from President Joe Biden, US Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg, and former congressman Pete Murphy discuss the administration's progress on the Trucking Action Plan. Within the first 90 days the administration has made great strides in support of the trucking industry.

- **CDL Issuance:** There was a 112% increase in processing Commercial Drivers Licenses in January and February 2022, thanks to the DOT providing states \$57 million in federal funding to expedite issuing of CDL's.
- **Registered Apprenticeships:** More than 100 employers and several trade associations have launched registered apprenticeship programs that can result in more than 10,000 additional apprentices. This model will assist in developing and retaining the skilled workforce.
- **Task Force Movement:** Launch of Life-Cycle Pathways for Veterans and Military into Trucking Taskforce that will assist with recruitment and retention of veterans to the trucking sector of transportation. The Taskforce is chaired by former Congressman and veteran Patrick Murphy.
- **Advisory Board:** Launch of Women of Trucking Advisory Board that will increase the number of women in trucking by reviewing/reporting on the current challenges women drivers face and those interested in the transportation industry. FMCSA is currently accepting nominations for appointment to the Advisory Board.

With the many achievements thus far by the Biden administration the importance of the Driving Good Jobs Initiative will ensure women have continued opportunities of advancement in trucking and feel safe while doing so. Safety continues to be an issue for women and with the implementation of the Women of Trucking Advisory Board these issues can be reported, and change can be enacted.

We hope to continue working alongside many of the industry leaders to combat the many issues women currently face in the industry and ensure voices are heard.