



State Top Industry Issues Report 2018 Indiana

57 - State Total Responses

1 Driver Shortage

- 1 Advocate for Congress and federal agencies to develop an apprenticeship program to attract, train and retain safe 18-20 year old interstate drivers to the industry.
Work with the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Department of Labor to harmonize
- 2 regulations with the White House efforts to expand apprenticeships and other workforce development initiatives in the trucking industry.
- 3 Collect and analyze safety performance data on 18-20 year olds who operate commercial vehicles intrastate.

2 Driver Retention

- 1 Research the relationship between driver compensation models and driver satisfaction / productivity.
- 2 Study the effectiveness of carrier retention programs that financially incentivize drivers for performance in the areas of safety, fuel economy, and trip productivity.
- 3 Create an online compendium of retention strategies and best practices, customizable by carrier fleet size and sector.

3 Tolls and Creative Financing

- 1 Oppose the imposition of tolls on existing toll-free Interstates.
Research the true direct costs of alternative transportation funding mechanisms relative to
- 2 their ability to deliver necessary transportation revenues for roadway construction and maintenance.
- 3 Conduct a safety assessment of the impact that toll increases have on non-tolled parallel routes.

4 Hours-of-Service (HOS)

- 1 Continue to push for increased flexibility in the current sleeper berth provision.
- 2 Research and quantify the true safety and economic impacts of customer detention on truck drivers and trucking operations.
- 3 Analyze how HOS rules might be modified for highly automated trucks, and identify what research and data would be necessary to justify future rules changes.

5 Truck Parking

- 1 Identify strategic locations on the National Freight Network for new or expanded truck parking due to traffic congestion increases and industry / regulatory changes.
- 2* Educate the public sector on the safety consequences that result from closing public parking facilities and/or failing to expand truck parking availability.
- 2* Research the role and value of real-time truck parking information availability and truck parking reservation systems.

6 Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA)

- 1** Advocate for FMCSA to expand the list of crash types currently available for review and reclassification as non-preventable as part of the federal crash accountability pilot program.
- 2** Advocate for CSA score reductions in existing BASICS rather than a new BASIC for carriers who choose to participate in FMCSA's Beyond Compliance program.
- 3** Work with FMCSA to ensure that the recommendations of the Congressionally-mandated National Academies of Sciences review of CSA are successfully implemented.

7 Driver Health and Wellness

- 1*** Continue industry data collection and analysis on driver health-related issues to ensure that any future regulatory actions are based on recent and best available data.
- 1*** Undertake research that quantifies potential returns-on-investment for driver health and wellness programs.
- 3** Encourage increased availability of exercise facilities and healthy food choices at truck stops/travel plazas.

8 Diesel Technician Shortage

- 1** Encourage collaboration between motor carriers and local community colleges/tech schools to promote technician training and placement.
- 2*** Conduct research to quantify the scope and cause of current technician shortage and develop best practices for technician recruitment and retention.
- 2*** Work with the U.S. Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service to encourage interest among veterans in technician training.

9 Economy

- 1** Research and quantify the impacts of e-commerce on the trucking industry.
- 2** Continue to advocate for policies that will further stimulate the economy.
- 3** Advocate for reforming/repealing ineffective and burdensome regulations that add to industry costs without providing benefits.

10 Highway Safety and Crash Reduction

- 1** Conduct research to better understand truck crash increases by causal factors and vehicle type.
- 2*** Ensure that any future rulemaking on speed governors is based on real-world data inputs from industry operations.
- 2*** Quantify the impact of car-truck speed differentials on industry safety and productivity.