

SOME OF THE CHALLENGES TO THE MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT

QUALIFIED WORKFORCE

- Workforce Preparation, Qualification
- Loss of Emphasis on Skilled Trades
- Tech School Capacity
- Driver/Technician Shortage
- Entry-Level Insurability, Training
- Liability for "Negligent Hiring"
- Driver: Retention, Quality of Life,
- Productivity, Shipper/Receiver Treatment

GOVERNMENT REGULATION

- Federal Mandates
- Outdated Regulations
- Compliance and Costs
- Interstate Driving Age Restrictions

TRUCK SAFETY & OPERATIONS

- Impacts of Poorly Administered CSA
- HOS – Lack of Flexibility
- Inconsistent, Overzealous Enforcement
- Fines as Revenue
- Cars: Speed, Carelessness, Distractions
- Lack of Safe, Secure Parking
- Productivity, Limits on Size & Weight
- Equipment & Technology

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Aging roads, Congestion & Delays
- Political Inability to Fund Long-Term Needs
- Lack of Corridors Approach for Interstates
- Risks for Interstate Border-Toll Wars

PORT/INTERMODAL

- Productivity/Turn-Times
- Traffic Concerns
- Union Organizing
- Anti-Truck/Pro-Rail Dichotomy
- Chassis Roadability/Ownership

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- Route Restrictions/Bans
- Local Ordinances, Zoning
- Business License Taxes
- Tax & Enforcement Authority

ECONOMIC

- Big vs. Small

TAXES & FEES

- Local-State-Federal-Interstate
- Equipment, Registration, Operating

INSURANCE

- Losses in Commercial Trucking Market
- Increasing Settlement Demands, Verdicts
- Cost, Availability
- Fraud, Tort & Court Abuses

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Corporate "Green" Initiatives Pushed Down the Supply Chain
- Cumulative Costs of EPA Rules & Mandates "California"

LAWSUITS

- Litigious Society, Truck Lawsuit Specialists
- Pervasive Advertising
- No Effective Limits on Non-Economic & Punitive Damages; Low Punitive Damage Triggers for MV Crashes; Inadmissibility of Non-Use of Seatbelts; Abuse of Claims for "Negligent": Hiring/Entrustment/Supervision & Training

POLITICAL

- Public Apathy, Mistrust of Institutions
- Partisanship, Polarization, Factions
- Ignorance of Trucking's Essentiality

FUEL/POWER SYSTEMS

- Type(s)?
- The Future...

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