Goods Movement Coalition Applauds Newly-formed Congressional Freight Caucus
CAGTC Pledges Support to Co-Chairs Reichert & Nadler

WASHINGTON, DC (October 26, 2015) – The Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) today applauded Congressmen Dave Reichert (R-WA) and Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) for launching the Congressional Freight Caucus. The Co-Chairs formed the Caucus to facilitate discussion and attention necessary to develop and refine policies that improve our nation’s freight system. It will examine freight’s many aspects, calling upon industry experts who build and maintain infrastructure, invest in infrastructure, own cargo traveling the freight network, and those responsible for transporting goods.

“Formation of the Congressional Freight Caucus comes at a critical time, as we must prepare for the anticipated freight volume increases across our multimodal network. I applaud Congressmen Reichert and Nadler for their bipartisan leadership and sustained efforts to ensure freight’s voice is heard on Capitol Hill,” said Elaine Nessle, Executive Director of CAGTC. “We are eager to work with the Caucus in seeking solutions that address our nation’s growing freight needs.”

Now an issue at the forefront of the surface transportation reauthorization process, there is growing recognition in Congress that freight infrastructure investment benefits every state, region, county and city in the United States. CAGTC members will continue to raise awareness of the need to significantly expand U.S. freight transportation capabilities and encourage Members of Congress to join and support the Congressional Freight Caucus.

“The timing of a new freight caucus could not be better to shine a spotlight on the need for freight policy and funding as we gear up for floor debate on a surface transportation bill,” stated Commissioner John Creighton, Northwest Seaport Alliance Managing Member.

The Caucus will provide an opportunity for members and staff to learn from a broad spectrum of industry experts and study methods to improve and secure supply chains, integrate new technologies that enhance infrastructure, and find ways to increase freight’s efficiency while mitigating adverse impacts on communities.

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About the Coalition
The Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) is a diverse coalition of more than 60 public and private organizations dedicated to increasing federal investment in America’s intermodal freight infrastructure. In contrast to single mode interests, CAGTC’s main mission is to promote a seamless goods movement transportation system across all modes to enhance capacity and economic growth. For more information on the Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors, please visit www.tradecorridors.org.