Coalition for America’s Gateways & Trade Corridors

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What is CAGTC?

- **Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors**: Founded in 2001 as a national advocacy organization for freight infrastructure.
- **Mission**: Raise public recognition and Congressional awareness of the nation’s freight needs and to promote sufficient funding in federal legislation for our multimodal goods movement system.
- **Composition**: 60+ member organizations that are geographically and politically diverse from the public & private sectors.
CAGTC Priorities

– Commit to exploring sustainable sources of revenue across all modes

– Authorize dedicated, sustainable funding for multimodal freight infrastructure competitive grant program

– Develop national strategy that guides long term freight planning and includes a partnership with the private sector
Lowenthal Bill

“Economy in Motion: National Multimodal and Sustainable Freight Infrastructure Act”

• Establishes 1% waybill fee on the cost of transporting goods (modeled after air freight fee)

• Estimated to raise $8 Billion annually

• Revenue placed in a “Freight Trust Fund” and distributed evenly between:
  • Multimodal freight formula program (state DOTs)
  • Competitive grant program (states, regional & local gov., ports)
D.C., “The Situation”

- White House is running the show at all agencies
- Lack of executive staff across-the-board
- NAFTA Renegotiation
- DOT restructuring?
  - 2-for-1 regulation elimination
  - RIFs
  - The BATIC/BAB/Bureau
- Congress – How many parties are there, really?
- Congressional Calendar – Lots to do in little time.
The “To-do List”

• Debt Ceiling – Default in September
• FY18 Budget
• Repeal/Replace ACA
• Border Wall
• Infrastructure Bill, “more than a trillion!”
• Tax Reform, “unleashing private capital”
• And… oh yeah… FAA Reauthorization

(All of which could be derailed by deteriorating foreign relations)
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