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CAGTC Applauds Establishment of Special Panel on Freight Transportation

House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Creates Special Freight Panel Chaired by Congressman. John Duncan (R-TN)

WASHINGTON, DC (April 23, 2013) – The Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) applauds House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster for establishing a special panel on freight transportation. The panel, lasting for 6 months and chaired by Congressman John Duncan (R-TN), is tasked with examining the current state of the nation's freight network and will also look at how enhancements to freight transportation will improve the national economy.

The panel's first hearing on April 23rd, titled "Overview of the United States' Freight Transportation System," is an important step in furthering freight as a national priority. As an organization focused on advancing national freight policy, CAGTC is thrilled that freight is having its moment in the national spotlight.

"I am ecstatic over the establishment of the freight panel," says CAGTC Chairwoman Sharon Neely. "But I am even more ecstatic over the fact that freight is finally an important topic in Congress. In order to improve goods movement, the freight network must be analyzed and discussed, and I am glad freight is now looked at as a goal rather than as a side issue."

"The economic importance of freight cannot be understated," said Founding Chairman Mort Downey. "I commend the Committee for taking a major step in recognizing freight's national economic significance. With the economy finally climbing out of the recession, now is a critical time to have a discussion about freight's key role in economic development."

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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.

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