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## Celebrating 25 Years of Leadership in Freight Advocacy CAGTC Anniversary Year to Highlight Historic Achievements and Road Ahead

WASHINGTON, DC (January 6, 2026) – The Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) is proud to commemorate a major milestone in 2026: the Coalition's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Since its founding in 2001, CAGTC and its diverse membership have worked to ensure that the nation's multimodal freight network is recognized, valued, and strengthened through federal policy improvements and strategic investment.

"This anniversary offers a welcome opportunity to reflect on the strength of our members, the impact of our advocacy, and the importance of a shared vision for the future of freight," said **Elaine Nettle, CAGTC Executive Director**. "It also highlights CAGTC's most important accomplishment of the past 25 years: giving freight a voice. As we approach the expiration of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and prepare for the next surface transportation reauthorization legislation, CAGTC looks forward to our continued engagement with Congress and the Administration to build on freight's success in the IIJA and maximize investments in multimodal supply chain infrastructure."

Over the last quarter-century, CAGTC has united public and private sector partners behind one common goal: to secure investments in freight infrastructure and elevate goods movement as a national priority. This anniversary marks a timely occasion to celebrate the Coalition's numerous accomplishments and look ahead to the coming years of CAGTC advocacy in support of national freight movement, supply chain efficiency, and economic competitiveness.

"As we celebrate this milestone, we are also looking forward – to the policies, investments, and opportunities that will shape the future of freight infrastructure and goods movement," said **Erin Aleman, Executive Director of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and CAGTC Board Chair**. "CAGTC's role has never been more critical. We will continue our important work to ensure that freight has a strong, clear voice in national policy conversations and that our country remains prepared to meet the supply chain demands of tomorrow."

To honor its silver anniversary, CAGTC will launch a year-long "Voices of Freight" 25th Anniversary Speaker Series featuring national industry experts, who will share their insights into evolving challenges and opportunities facing America's freight network. Topics will include federal funding programs, emerging technologies, and best practices in project planning, among others.

In conjunction with its Annual Meeting, CAGTC will also host a special in-person 25th Anniversary Celebration on April 22, 2026, in Washington, DC – bringing together freight industry leaders from across the country to reflect on the Coalition's history and set the stage for the next chapter.

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“In the past 25 years, CAGTC has helped transform how our nation understands and invests in freight infrastructure,” said **Paul Anderson, President & CEO of Port Tampa Bay and CAGTC Immediate Past Chair**. “From the earliest days of simply seeking a seat at the table and advocating for dedicated freight programs to today’s conversations about supply chain preparedness and adapting to changing demands, CAGTC has been a constant, steady voice. It is remarkable to reflect on how far we have come – and how our Coalition’s work has strengthened the movement of goods across the country.”

CAGTC thanks its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sponsors for their generous support: Port of Long Beach, Majestic Realty, Port Tampa Bay, AECOM, Ports America, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company, Port of Los Angeles, Intermodal Association of North America, Port of Hueneme, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Nossaman, Port of San Diego, and Southern California Association of Governments.

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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](http://www.tradecorridors.org)*