

Auto Haulers Association of America

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Overview

- Introduction and background
 - Joined ATA in June 2022, legislative experience, previous work on auto transporters
- The big issues for ACC:
 - Stinger weight tolerance and warning flag waiver renewal (as amended)



Coalition for Electric Vehicle Transportation (CEVT)

- Creation of CEVT...phone calls and emails, monthly meetings, logo and coalition name, strategy, etc.
 - Early focus was making decisions as a coalition, getting buy in from stakeholders, and clearing some initial hurdles (T&I, railroads and CVSA)
- The only real “need” was to consolidate individual efforts
 - The work was already being done, it just needed structure
 - JCT, Alliance for Automotive Innovation, JM Family and USAL, AHAA, Rules Amendment, and many more
- Ideally, CEVT becomes a vehicle to address other industry issues
 - The coalition is strong and comprehensive – growing our industry coalition should be a shared priority for everyone.

H.R. 2948, the Carrying Vehicles Responsibly and Safely Act, or CARS Act

- Introduced by Congressman Lance Gooden (TX) on 4/27/23
- Reflects years of hard work by people in this room and many others
- CEVT DC Fly-In on March 22
 - 16+ meetings that day (many other meetings before and after), House T&I R+D and Senate EPW R+D committee staff and targeted member meetings
 - Left town with a commitment from Rep. Gooden to lead the effort
- What now?
 - Cosponsors, markup, and then...?
 - Congressional opposition concerning, but not insurmountable
 - Solid progress but much work remains
 - Mostly concerned about the process, not the issue

Warning Flag Waiver Renewal

- Existing waiver expires February 15, 2024
- ACC and AHAA submitted petition in March
 - Requests 5-year renewal of existing waiver and that it also applies to “lamps and reflective devices” and new/used vehicles
- FMCSA and CVSA
 - No concerns from either
- Next steps, timeline, possible outcomes
- Goal is to amend the regulation, eliminate the need for a waiver

Other Issues and the “Ask”

- What’s the next big legislative/regulatory issue that matters most to car haulers?
- My ask/challenge: Grow the coalition, participate in the calls, ask questions, stay engaged, and share information.
- CEVT is great, but the potential is greater.

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