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America's Freight Stakeholders Announce Key Reauthorization Concerns *Stress Need for Congress to Forge Ahead*

A host of diverse transportation luminaries from the Freight Stakeholders Coalition will highlight their concerns with the pending surface transportation bill reauthorization and stress the importance for Congress to move ahead without delay when the Coalition holds a National Press Club *Newsmaker* press conference on Monday, Sept. 14.

The Freight Stakeholders Coalition represents America's diverse freight community and supports policies that promote freight mobility in the U.S. Its 17 member organizations represent the country's largest shippers and public/private transportation providers.

The Coalition strongly advocates that substantial investment America's freight transportation system must be given a high priority in the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization bill, and that *without such investment, the performance of all modes of goods movement will continue to deteriorate and the U.S. will pay a high price in terms of domestic prosperity and international competitiveness.* The Coalition supports strong federal leadership that will help develop projects of regional and national significance which reduce congestion, enhance goods movement, improve the environment, and create and maintain jobs.

Event participants will include (in order of remarks):

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WHAT: *Moving the Goods: America's Freight Stakeholders Speak Out on Reauthorization*

WHEN: Monday, September 14 (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

WHERE: National Press Club (First Amendment Lounge), 529 14th Street, N.W. (13th Floor), Washington, DC