

Statement on Tariffs

On behalf of our membership, we firmly advocate for a balanced approach to trade that supports economic growth, consistency, reliability and supply chain fluidity. In 2024, there were 18.1 million intermodal loadings across North America moving industrial and bulk goods such as auto parts; consumer goods, such as electronics and appliances; and agricultural goods such as grain, fruits and vegetables. The increased likelihood of new tariffs and rapidly changing trade conditions creates uncertainty for our shippers, which in turn creates ripple effects across the intermodal transportation supply chain. Most importantly, the results of raising tariffs on the shipment of both finished goods and raw materials has been shown to increase costs, decrease sales, and undermine competitiveness in the global marketplace for our beneficial cargo owners (BCOs).

IANA strongly supports trade policies that promote the seamless, efficient movement of freight and supports policies focused on developing and implementing solutions and partnerships that strengthen trade relationships among nations.

The Intermodal Association of North America is the only trade organization representing the collective interests of the intermodal freight supply chain. With members from Canada, Mexico and the United States from over 1,000 corporations, including railroads, ocean carriers, ports, motor carriers, logistics firms, and industry suppliers, IANA serves as the unified voice of the intermodal transportation industry.