SUPPLY CHAIN CONGESTION SOLUTIONS

• Reauthorization of our nation’s surface transportation policies
  - Prioritize multimodal freight infrastructure to remain competitive internationally and connect American producers to international markets.

• Initiate full appropriation of the annual Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) revenues, in accordance with the 2020 CARES Act legislation

• Fully fund the following programs- WHY? Every dollar invested in our nation’s maritime infrastructure yields benefits of $2 to $3:
  * Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) - $1 billion
  * Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) - $1 billion
  * Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) - $1 billion
  * Consolidated Rail Infrastructure Safety Improvements (CRISI) – $325 million
  * Diesel Emission Reduction Acts (DERA) - $100 million

• Expand ports’ eligibility for other Federal programs
  - Great example what the Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) did by awarding a grant to a port for the first time in response to severe weather and pandemic.
INVESTMENT IN ACTION!

**Technological Enhancements & Data Sharing**
- Defragment supply chain ecosystem and create visibility and transparency through platform integration and data sharing.

**Strengthening Workforce**
- Maximize the available workforce throughout the supply-chain.
- That starts with vaccinating the workers the move America’s cargo.
- Create a national workforce development strategy to add qualified workers to battle current and future structural workforce deficits.

**Infrastructure and 24/7 Ports**
- Ports need to be designated as “digital utilities” in a way to create smart infrastructure.
- More emphasis on landside infrastructure and local zoning.
- Simultaneous with policies that support port growth (dredging, rail, etc.), port host cities must pass policies that attack the logistics industry that supports the ports.
- Near dock support facilities (container yards, truck parking, transload facilities, etc.) need to be part of local master plans to support ports.
- Ports should be preparing to transition to 24/7 operations to smooth out the congestion of the current gate schedules.