

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. F
- Ports should be preparing to transition to 24/7 operations to smooth out the congestion of the current gate schedules.