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To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a program to provide grants to motor carriers and motor private carriers to transport goods during a national emergency or a period of time in which there is a certain percentage of port congestion, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 3, 2021

Mr. MANN (for himself, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. LATURNER, Mr. CAWTHORN, Mr. VALADAO, Mrs. STEEL, and Mr. PFLUGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a program to provide grants to motor carriers and motor private carriers to transport goods during a national emergency or a period of time in which there is a certain percentage of port congestion, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Truckers Responding
3 At National Shipping Ports Overcoming Retail Turmoil
4 Act” or the “TRANSPORT Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
7 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
8 tation shall establish a program to provide grants to motor
9 carriers and motor private carriers (as such terms are de-
10 fined in section 13102 of title 49, United States Code)
11 to transport goods from a port to a final destination point
12 or to a point that is easily accessible by another form of
13 transport during a covered period.

14 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the program estab-
15 lished under subsection (a) are to—

16 (1) anticipate any market disruption caused by
17 a national emergency;

18 (2) strengthen the local and regional supply
19 chain; and

20 (3) model nimbleness and responsiveness in
21 emergency situations.

22 (c) COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS.—Notwith-
23 standing any other provision of law, any recipient of a
24 grant under this section who complies with regulations set
25 forth in chapter III of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-
26 tions, may operate a commercial motor vehicle in any

1 State to transport goods from a port to a destination point
2 during a covered period, regardless of whether such recipi-
3 ent complies with regulations for the operation of a com-
4 mercial motor vehicle in such State.

5 (d) DEFINITION OF COVERED PERIOD.—In this Act,
6 the term “covered period” means the period—

7 (1) beginning on the date on which the Presi-
8 dent declares a national emergency under section
9 201 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C.
10 1621) and ending on the date on which such na-
11 tional emergency is terminated; or

12 (2) beginning on the date on which the Sec-
13 retary makes a determination that a port is con-
14 gested by at least 50 percent and ending on the date
15 on which the Secretary determines that congestion
16 at such port is less than 49 percent for at least 60
17 consecutive days.

18 (e) FUNDING.—Notwithstanding any other provision
19 of law, any unobligated funds made available under the
20 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–2)
21 or the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) may be used
22 to carry out this Act.

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