

# MINNESOTA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION WINS

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## **Delivering real returns in 2024-2025.**



Despite the many economic and political challenges during the past twelve months, the MTA has delivered real value to its members. These successes show what can be accomplished when dedicated members come together to seek the common good of the industry.

## **Balanced state government.**



We pledged to bring balance back to the Minnesota state government through the 2024 election and we delivered. MTA took a lead role in a yearlong voter education and candidate campaign to elect truck friendly candidates. Now Republicans and Democrats will have an equal voice in determining the policies and state budgets that impact trucking. No more unbridled one-party rule.

## **Limited impact of employee misclassification law.**



Succeeded with partners in limiting the impact of the new Employee Misclassification Law by reducing penalties, ensuring due process for misclassification claims, and reducing scope of Stop Work orders. Prevented trucking from being swept into the Uber/Lyft minimum wage legislation.

## **Secured \$12.5 million for truck parking in Minnesota.**



2024 Legislature appropriated \$12.5 Million to increase truck parking in Minnesota, including \$4.8 Million in MnDOT Metro District in response to overnight truck parking bans in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

## **Prevented adoption of low carbon fuel standard.**



MTA led efforts to prevent adoption of a Minnesota low carbon fuel standard. LCFS would likely accelerate the mandated sale and use of battery electric heavy trucks in Minnesota.

## **Secured study of barriers to CDL training and testing.**



The legislature mandated that state agencies conduct a study of the barriers to recruiting and training Commercial Driver's License holders. This includes delays at state exam stations and other barriers to efficiency. Will also explore how the state can attract talent into the truck driving workforce. This includes delays at state exam stations and other barriers to efficiency. Will also explore how the state can attract talent into the truck driving workforce.

## **Removed redundant security background checks.**



The MTA helped secure passage of the Transportation Security Screening Modernization Act. The act allows workers to apply existing valid background checks to multiple TSA-managed credentialing programs, such as the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) and Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME) programs.

## **Created new MN Trucker's Health Plan.**



Created New MN Trucker's Health Plan - MTA partnered with Blue Cross Blue Shield and North Risk Partners to create a new trucker-only health insurance plan available only to MTA members. Members are saving real money through this program.

## **Reduced your crashes and violations.**



Reduced Your Crashes and Violations - American Transportation Research Institute study confirmed that companies who are active in state trucking associations have fewer crashes and violations than non-members. MTA membership directly improves the bottom line.

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## WHAT MTA IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON:



### **Limiting and preventing technology mandates.**

We met with FMCSA leaders to share our opposition to mandated speed limiters and how to implement automated emergency braking systems effectively.



### **No new fuel or electric vehicle mandates.**

Working to maintain state's current emission reduction programs and prevent adoption of Minnesota-specific clean fuel standard, including mandated adoption of electric vehicles.



### **Reducing truck insurance costs.**

Working to reduce key cost drivers in insurance rates: nuclear verdicts. Introducing legislation to reduce lawsuit abuse in Minnesota: repeal the state's state belt gag rule, eliminate phantom damages from Medicare/Medicaid payments, and bring truck-involved crashes fully into Minnesota's no-fault system.



### **Eliminating the 12.5% federal excise tax.**

Seeking to eliminate this World War I era tax to drive down vehicle costs and enable fleets to buy new equipment.



### **Reducing barriers to attending truck driver school.**

Asking for state funding to develop an "off-campus room and board" revolving fund program for short term technical programs like truck driver training.



### **Improving quality of commercial license plates.**

Securing examples of corroded and delaminated license plates to demonstrate need for material and production improvements.



### **Generating media coverage.**

Aggressively generating news coverage through legacy media and social media to tell the essentiality and safety message of trucking, and draw new talent to the industry.