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USA Trucking Association and Truckers Integral to Our Economy Announce Partnership to Support Independent Contractors

Washington, D.C. – 1/1/2025 – The USA Trucking Association (USATA) and Truckers Integral to Our Economy (TIE) are proud to announce a strategic partnership aimed at safeguarding the independent contractor model in trucking. This collaboration will empower professional drivers with the advocacy and resources needed to navigate an evolving industry while preserving the flexibility and entrepreneurial spirit that independent truckers embody.

Under the agreement, TIE will provide USATA's member drivers with robust advocacy on regulatory and legislative matters that affect the independent contractor model. This partnership underscores the critical role that independent truckers play in the U.S. economy and highlights the need to protect their ability to operate as self-employed professionals.

"Independent truckers are the backbone of America's freight transportation network. This partnership is a critical step in ensuring their voices are heard, their rights are protected, and their contributions are recognized," said **Scott Brenner, President of TIE**. "TIE is committed to advocating for policies that empower independent contractors and enable them to continue fueling the U.S. economy with unparalleled flexibility and efficiency."

The USATA, a membership organization dedicated to supporting independent contractor truckers, provides its members with essential tools, education, and resources to thrive in a competitive industry. By leveraging the collective buying power of its association, USATA offers members access to discounted services and insurance designed specifically to meet their needs.

"Through this partnership with TIE, we're taking significant steps to ensure independent contractors remain a vital part of the transportation landscape," said **Thomas McMahon, President of USATA**. "Our members are entrepreneurs who embody the American dream, and together, we will champion their cause and help them build sustainable businesses."

Why Protecting Independent Truckers Matters

Independent contractors are vital to the U.S. economy, delivering nearly 72% of the country's freight tonnage. Their ability to respond to fluctuating market demands, from seasonal harvests to peak holiday shipping periods, ensures that the supply chain remains agile and reliable.

With freight tonnage projected to grow steadily through 2045, independent truckers are poised to play an even greater role in sustaining economic growth. As the industry adapts to increasing demand, the entrepreneurial spirit of independent contractors will drive innovation and efficiency, ensuring the U.S. remains competitive on the global stage.

Preserving the American Dream

The flexibility and independence of the contractor model allow countless individuals to achieve the American dream of owning their own business. Policies that jeopardize this model risk undermining the livelihoods of thousands of drivers, their families, and the communities they support.

"Truckers are not just moving freight; they're building futures," said Brenner. "We must champion their ability to work as independent contractors and protect the investments they've made in themselves and their communities."

About USA Trucking Association

The USA Trucking Association (USATA) is a membership-based organization dedicated to supporting independent contractor truckers by providing them with critical resources, education, and access to discounted services and insurance. Learn more at www.usatruckingassoc.com.

About Truckers Integral to Our Economy

Truckers Integral to Our Economy (TIE) is a leading advocate for the independent contractor model, championing policies that enable truck owner-operators to thrive in a competitive marketplace. TIE is committed to preserving the vital role of independent contractors in the U.S. economy. Learn more at www.truckerchoice.org.

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