



**IFDA NEEDS
YOU
TO SUPPORT THE
DRIVE SAFE ACT**



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ALLEVIATING THE TRUCK DRIVER SHORTAGE IS CRITICAL FOR OUR INDUSTRY.

That's why IFDA is leading efforts to pass an important piece of legislation in Washington D.C. called the DRIVE Safe Act (S. 569, H.R. 1374) to qualify more drivers for the trucking profession.

With some 225 million meals consumed outside the home every day in the U.S. alone, the foodservice distribution industry is more important than ever to this national debate.

IFDA is here to help its members engage with elected officials and reporters, no request is too big or small. Contact Meghan Cieslak at mcieslak@ifdaonline.org or 703-532-9400 ext. 9950

For more information and downloadable resources visit www.DRIVESafeAct.com



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HOW CAN IFDA MEMBERS HELP?



Attend IFDA's Washington Insight Conference May 8-9, visit with your Senator/Congressman.



Invite your Senator/Congressman to tour your facility. IFDA can help!



Email your Senator/Congressman.



Submit a guest column or letter to the editor to your local paper. IFDA can help!



Talk to your local business reporters. IFDA can help!



Share your support on social media, share graphics and news stories available at DriveSafeAct.com, use #DRIVESafeAct in your posts.

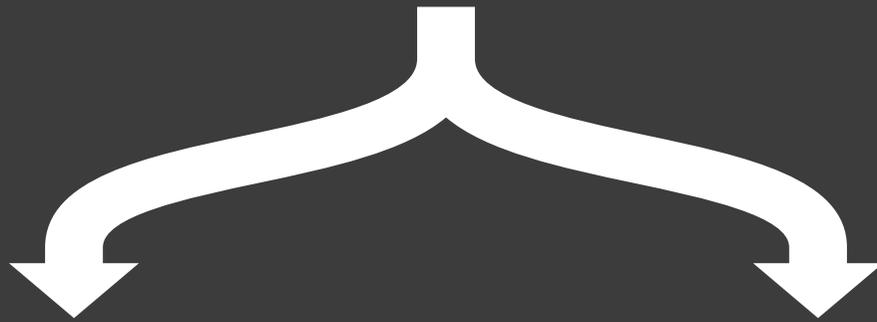


Share news stories with IFDA! Were you interviewed for a news story about the driver shortage? Email the link to mcieslak@ifdaonline.org

WHAT IS THE DRIVE SAFE ACT?

The DRIVE Safe Act

(S. 569, H.R. 1374) has two prongs:



REMOVES ANTIQUATED AGE RESTRICTIONS ON INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION BY LICENSED COMMERCIAL DRIVERS

- Young adults become eligible to for a commercial driver's licenses at age 18 in most states; however,
- Federal law currently prohibits commercially licensed adults from driving across state lines before age 21
- That means a 5 mile drive from Arlington, Virginia to Washington D.C. is not legal but a 743 mile drive from Houston to El Paso, Texas is permitted.

STRENGTHENS SAFETY-TRAINING STANDARDS ACROSS THE INDUSTRY

- Once a driver qualifies for a commercial driver's license, they begin a two-step additional training program with rigorous performance benchmarks.
- Drivers must complete at least 400 hours of on-duty time and 240 hours of driving time in the cab with an experienced driver.
- Every driver will train on trucks equipped with new safety technology including active braking collision mitigation systems, video event capture, and a speed governor of 65 miles per hour or below.

WHAT DO I SAY?

The best way to communicate with elected officials is to explain how the driver shortage affects your company and ask your Senator or Congressman to support the DRIVE Safe Act (S. 569, H.R. 1374). ← *Don't forget to include bill numbers in written materials.*

HOW TO START	HOW TO MAKE YOUR CASE
<p>The trucking industry is facing a massive driver shortage that's affecting the movement of commerce and cost of goods in our country.</p> <p>The DRIVE Safe Act can help alleviate this problem.</p>	<p><i>How has the driver shortage affected your business? Have you seen prices increase? Give some specific examples to make your point.</i></p>
<p>There's an untapped market of young adults seeking economic opportunity who could fill the driver shortage and refresh the profession.</p> <p>The DRIVE Safe Act will give us access to this untapped workforce.</p>	<p><i>What has your experience been like trying to hire professional drivers?</i></p>
<p>Safety is a critical component of the DRIVE Safe Act.</p>	<p><i>How important is safety to your company? Would you put an ill equipped driver in one of your trucks?</i></p>
<p>The common-sense solution to the driver shortage is to expand the work pool.</p>	<p><i>What is the average age of your professional drivers? Are you concerned about how you'll replace them when they retire? Why?</i></p>
<p>Outdated regulations are preventing access to a stable, middle-class profession.</p>	<p><i>What's a typical day like for one of your drivers? Why is driving for the food-service distribution industry, and specifically your company, a rewarding career?</i></p>