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Open Letter to AMTA Members and Industry

The Alberta Motor Transport Association (AMTA) is fundamentally based upon continuously improving health and safety and we want to reassure our membership and industry stakeholders that our entire team is doing everything possible to support the industry and ensure essential needs keep moving.

We know these are challenging times, and for an industry that has always had a map to follow, we find ourselves in uncharted territory. We want you to know we are here for you, and will do our best to guide you through these difficult times.

For over 80 years, the AMTA has been the voice, the standard and the resource for commercial transportation in Alberta. During these trying and ever-changing times of the COVID-19 pandemic, access to goods is critical and trucking is what delivers.

Issues such as cross border transportation, keeping rest stops open, front line access to the tools and supplies required to operate safely, temporary extension of expiring motor vehicle documents, hours of service in Canada and the US, licensing and permit contingency plans, employment standards legislation changes, and beyond will remain our focus. We will continue to work closely with government and other transportation associations in Canada and the US on these matters and advocate for access to goods and the safety of professional drivers and the public.

To serve as a greater resource to our carriers and membership, we have created a custom section on the AMTA website that contains breaking news, government advisories, workplace resources, Workers' Compensation Board updates, AMTA statements and press releases, industry event updates, provincial updates and a COVID-19 timeline. This information is updated continuously and is available to everyone at <https://amta.ca/news-events/covid-19-resources/>

Now more than ever, we need to work together to make our way through this crisis. We each have a role to play in staying connected, helping one another the best we can and keeping things moving. The AMTA will remain committed to the commercial transportation industry as your voice, standard and resource throughout these challenging times.

We want to thank you for your continued dedication in ensuring that the supply chains keep moving. We will make it through this, and we will do it together.

Stay safe!



Chris Nash, President
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