Thank you for giving the Ontario Dump Truck Association the opportunity to voice our issues with CTA. Due to the time of the invite we were unable to review everything in detail but believe we have highlighted some key areas in the transport truck sector, where improvements can be made.

We need more federal Government oversight in certain illegal transportation violations to specific industries such as the dump truck industry, where the MTO has been handing out infractions to a single group in the industry and not penalizing the initial shipper of the violation. Maybe follow up with specific audits to make sure the government in power provincially is providing a safe and fair place to work for Canadian citizens. Also need to hold bureaucrats and front line commercial officers to the laws they are to govern. In specialized areas of transportation the operators should be held to some stricter guide lines so that public safety is secured. In our industry the operators are knowingly carrying above the legal capacity of weight but are forced to do it otherwise the shipping company will relieve them of the work and hire another carrier which will work unethically.

Government needs to Pay more attention to commercial Vehicle recalls and have a structure for recourse against manufactures who knowingly sell new trucks with defective parts. The consumer is not being protected and he doesn't have easy access to a place to log a complaint.

Government must step in to inforce e-logging as many companies are not competitive compared to companies acting outside the law.

Government needs to pay more attention to the engines being out fitted for a certain industry. For example in the dump truck industry, why is a single dump truck operator, outfitting his or her truck with an engine that is 4 times over the needed amount, to carry the payload of 20 gross tons or accompanied with a pony pup for a maximum of 36 gross tons. Our carbon foot print is impacted and it also means maybe the industry is carrying more than the regulated amount.

The Government needs to find a true and transparent way to track and make sure the appropriate tax credits reach the end consumers as the breaks don't seem to make it to the end user currently.

Thanks,
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