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Alireza Mahdavi American Logistics International 24700 Main Street Carson, CA 90745

Dear Mr. Mahdavi:

I write to you regarding the ongoing labor dispute at American Logistics International (ALI).

It is my understanding that ALI's drivers have expressed interest in unionizing, and are seeking representation from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. I stand in support of these drivers' rights to organize with the Teamsters or any other union free from interference, as guaranteed under the National Labor Relations Act.

I am concerned about reports from drivers about the unsafe equipment and improper safety practices to which they have been subjected by your organization. If these reports are found to be true, this threatens not only the health and welfare of port truck drivers, but of every other motorist on the roads these drivers travel. As a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I support organizing that will promote increased occupational and highway safety.

Any retaliatory actions taken against drivers for reporting safety problems or for exercising their protected rights to engage in collective action are wholly unacceptable.

I hope that your company will do everything possible to remain neutral and help avoid the types of labor disputes that traditionally result from management's interference with workers' rights. Such disputes have proven to impair the health of the company, the workers, and the regional economy. I ask that you and the drivers' representatives work with one another to provide a safer, more successful work place for all stakeholders: workers and management alike.

Your cooperation will be instrumental in upholding the spirit and the letter of the law and U.S. labor policy. Thank you for your prompt attention to this critically important matter.

Sincerely,

Janice Hahn

Member of Congress