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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MANN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Truckers Responding  
5 At National Shipping Ports Overcoming Retail Turmoil  
6 Act” or the “TRANSPORT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the  
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-  
4 tation shall establish a program to provide grants to motor  
5 carriers and motor private carriers (as such terms are de-  
6 fined in section 13102 of title 49, United States Code)  
7 to transport goods from a port to a final destination point  
8 or to a point that is easily accessible by another form of  
9 transport during a covered period.

10 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the program estab-  
11 lished under subsection (a) are to—

12 (1) anticipate any market disruption caused by  
13 a national emergency;

14 (2) strengthen the local and regional supply  
15 chain; and

16 (3) model nimbleness and responsiveness in  
17 emergency situations.

18 (c) COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS.—Notwith-  
19 standing any other provision of law, any recipient of a  
20 grant under this section who complies with regulations set  
21 forth in chapter III of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-  
22 tions, may operate a commercial motor vehicle in any  
23 State to transport goods from a port to a destination point  
24 during a covered period, regardless of whether such recipi-  
25 ent complies with regulations for the operation of a com-  
26 mercial motor vehicle in such State.

1 (d) DEFINITION OF COVERED PERIOD.—In this Act,  
2 the term “covered period” means the period—

3 (1) beginning on the date on which the Presi-  
4 dent declares a national emergency under section  
5 201 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C.  
6 1621) and ending on the date on which such na-  
7 tional emergency is terminated; or

8 (2) beginning on the date on which the Sec-  
9 retary makes a determination that a port is con-  
10 gested by at least 50 percent and ending on the date  
11 on which the Secretary determines that congestion  
12 at such port is less than 49 percent for at least 60  
13 consecutive days.

14 (e) FUNDING.—Notwithstanding any other provision  
15 of law, any unobligated funds made available under the  
16 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–2)  
17 or the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) may be used  
18 to carry out this Act.