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FUTURE OF FREIGHT TRANSPORT IS FOCUS OF SPRING POLICY FORUM

Arlington, VA – U.S. Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-TN) and Jeffery N. Shane, former Under Secretary of Policy and Associate Deputy Secretary for the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) will serve as keynote speakers for the 2008 Spring Policy Forum whose theme is: *“Freight Transportation at a Crossroads – Meeting the Challenges Ahead.”*

The Forum is an annual event that has been hosted by The National Industrial Transportation League. This year it is co-sponsored with the Association of Transportation Law Professionals.

Congressman Duncan currently serves as Ranking Member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure’s Highways and Transit Subcommittee. He is a veteran of past legislative battles involving passage of surface transportation reauthorization legislation. This experience will provide keen insights to the luncheon audience before which he is scheduled to speak.

Preceding Congressman Duncan on the day of the event is Jeffery N. Shane formerly with DOT. At the agency, Shane served as principal policy advisor to the secretary helping in securing innovative policy solutions to the nation’s transportation challenges. He is scheduled to give his address at breakfast.

Joining these keynote speakers will be several panels of speakers from both industry and government that will share valuable thoughts into future plans for funding the nation’s surface transportation system, how suppliers are likely to respond to tomorrow’s freight transportation challenges, the hurdles likely to be faced by transportation buyers, the role of government regulators and the status of rail carrier investments and returns.

The Forum will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria in Alexandria, VA. For a complete program and agenda as well as to register for the event go to: <http://www.nitl.org>.

The League is an association of companies that conducts industrial and/or commercial shipping throughout the United States and internationally. Founded in 1907, the League is one of the oldest and largest associations representing some 700 member companies involved with the transport of all kinds of freight in domestic and international commerce.

Association of Transportation Law Professionals is an independent nonprofit organization of transportation professionals. Its purpose is "to equip its members with the necessary tools to be vital resources for their companies, firms, customers and clients who compete in a constantly changing and increasingly global transportation and logistics marketplace.”