

Meet Our Speakers! NITL Policy Engage Forum 2025

Session – NITL Networking Breakfast - “The Road Ahead: Understanding the Impact of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act”

Speaker:

***John Drake, Vice President, Transportation, Infrastructure, and Supply Chain Policy,
US Chamber of Commerce***



Bio: John Drake is vice president for transportation, infrastructure, supply chain policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world’s largest business advocacy organization. In his role, Drake is responsible for representing the business community on transportation, infrastructure, and supply chain issues before Congress, the administration, the media, the business community, and other stakeholders. Drake is also a member of the Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee, which advises the U.S. Customs and Border Protection on improvements to U.S. trade.

Session – Welcome to NITL Engage Policy Forum 2025 - Opening Remarks

Speaker 1:

National Industrial Transportation League's Chair Sheldon Ellis, Director Logistics and Planning, OMYA



Bio: Sheldon brings 25+ years of supply chain leadership, driving global team performance, process improvement, technology integration, and strategic procurement across manufacturing and consumer goods industries.

Speaker 2:

National Industrial Transportation League's Executive Director Nancy O'Liddy



Bio: Nancy is a dynamic leader with expertise in organizational development, communications, fundraising, and team building, known for creativity, collaboration, and driving results across sectors.

Session – The Future of Global Shipping: Insights from the Journal of Commerce

Speaker:

Mark Szakonyi, Executive Editor, Journal of Commerce



Bio: Mark Szakonyi leads the editorial team of more than a dozen editors and correspondents in providing business-critical and data-heavy business intelligence and analysis. He joined the *Journal of Commerce* in 2011 as daily content editor and has served in various roles of increasing responsibility since. His analysis of container shipping and other transportation markets has been quoted in general business news media including the BBC, Bloomberg, The Economist, NPR, and USA Today.

Session - The Surface Transportation Board: Priorities, Policies, & Progress

Speaker:

Chair Patrick Fuchs, Surface Transportation Board



Bio: Fuchs, a former Senate Commerce staffer and Presidential Management Fellow, was appointed Surface Transportation Board Chair in 2025 after Senate confirmation in 2019.

Session – The Federal Maritime Commission: Priorities, Policies & Progress

Speaker:

Commissioner Rebecca Dye of Federal Maritime Commission



Bio: Rebecca F. Dye served as a Commissioner of the Federal Maritime Commission from 2002 to 2023, earning bipartisan appointments across four U.S. presidents. A lawyer by training, she began her career as a U.S. Coast Guard attorney and later shaped key maritime legislation as Counsel to the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. At the FMC, she led influential investigations on supply chain performance, port practices, and industry innovation, making her a widely respected voice in maritime law, logistics,

and trade policy. She is a frequently sought as a speaker at maritime, logistics, and trade forums.

Session – Combating Cargo Theft: Legislative and Regulatory Action

Moderator:

Dora McCann, Director, Advocacy, Transportation Intermediaries Association



Bio: Dora McCann, Director of Advocacy at the Transportation Intermediaries Association, is a public policy and government affairs leader with 20+ years of experience in federal transportation and logistics. She advances multimodal innovation, drives advocacy, and aligns public policy with corporate growth.

Panelists:

Nick Tabori, World Shipping Council, Director of U.S. Regulatory Affairs



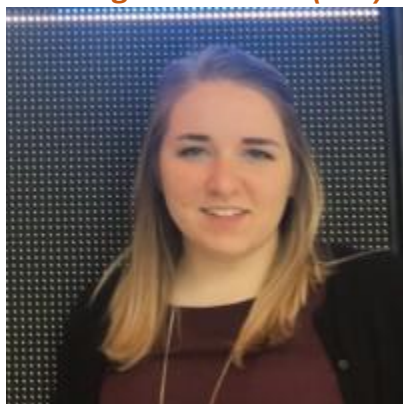
Bio: Nicholas “Nick” Tabori joined WSC in April 2022 as Director of U.S. Regulatory Affairs. A retired Coast Guard officer and attorney, he served 20 years in operations, legislation, cybersecurity, and international policy, later supporting DOJ oil pollution litigation and Coast Guard intelligence, counterintelligence, and security initiatives.

Jeff Tucker, President & CEO, Tucker Company Worldwide Inc.



Bio: Jeff Tucker, third-generation CEO of Tucker Company Worldwide Inc.—the oldest privately held freight brokerage in the U.S.—oversees the company’s sales, marketing, and industry leadership. A past TIA chairman, he co-authors TIA’s Carrier Selection Framework and advises national transportation safety and policy committees. Jeff currently serves as National Industrial Transportation League Chair, Highway Committee and on the NITL Board of Directors.

Kaitlyn Holmecki, Senior Manager, International Trade and Security Policy, American Trucking Association (ATA)



Bio: Kaitlyn Holmecki works as a Senior Manager, International Trade Policy at American Trucking Associations, which is a Membership Organizations company with an estimated 448 employees; and founded in 1933. They are part of the Legal team within the Legal

Department and their management level is Manager. Kaitlyn graduated from O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs and is currently based in Arlington, United States

Session – Driving Growth: The Economic Outlook for Transportation and Logistics

Speaker:

Bob Costello, Chief Economist at American Trucking Associations & SVP, International Trade & Security Policy



Bio: Bob Costello is Chief Economist and Senior Vice President at the American Trucking Associations (ATA). He oversees ATA's trucking economic data, forecasts, wage studies, fuel reports, and regulatory analyses.

Session – NITL Engage Policy Forum: Private Reception and Dinner

Laura DiBella, Nominated for a Commissioner Seat at the Federal Maritime Commission



Bio: Nominated by President Trump to serve as a Commissioner at the Federal Maritime Commission on September 3, 2025, she is awaiting her confirmation before Congress. Laura DiBella was appointed as Florida's first female Secretary of Commerce, and her former position combined with extensive economic development experience allows her to use her business, government, capitol connections, and vast knowledge of the regulatory and procurement processes to provide clients with government relations and consulting services.

Session – A Networking Breakfast: Strength in Numbers: The Power of Membership in Shaping Transportation Policy

Moderator:

Ann Warner, Ann Warner LLC, National Industrial Transportation League's Senior Policy Advisor



Bio: Ann Warner is a strategic government relations leader, specializing in federal advocacy, transportation policy, and coalition management, with decades of experience in public and private sectors.

Panelists:

Julie Alsup, Director, Government Relations and Public Affairs at International Paper Global Cellulose Fiber



Bio: Julie is a seasoned government relations and communications professional skilled in advocacy, executive messaging, stakeholder engagement, and strategy to drive business alignment, growth, and resilience.

Andrew Okuyiga, Vice President, Public Affairs, UPS



Bio: Andrew Okuyiga, is currently a Vice President, Public Affairs at UPS. Andrew Okuyiga brings experience from previous roles at Amazon and U.S. House of Representatives. Skill sets include Public Policy, Politics, Policy Analysis, Government, Research and more.

Wes Lujan, Vice President Government & Industry Affairs Rail North America, GATX



Bio: Wesley Lujan has been named VP of government and industry affairs at GATX Corporation. Coming from Union Pacific, where he was assistant VP of external relations, Wes leads GATX's engagement with rail industry associations and regulatory bodies.

Session – Implementation of Tariffs – The Effects to the Supply Chain

Speaker:

Jon Gold, Vice President, Supply Chain and Customs Policy, National Retail Federation



Bio: John has 20+ years of experience in supply chain policy, specializing in supply chain security, international trade, transportation policy, and government affairs.

Session – How Data Drives Politics – What Happens in November

Speaker:

Brenda Gianiny, President Axis Research Inc.



Bio: Brenda Gianiny is a trusted public opinion expert, advising top corporations and presidential campaigns with strategic insights to shape public policy and market positioning. Brenda has worked with campaigns ranging from presidential and the US Senate, including serving as the primary polling contact for the George W. Bush White House and the Bush-Cheney `04 re-election campaign, to local races for state legislative office and mayor.

Private U.S. Capitol Tour with the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, assisted by Jeanne Fogle, Founder of A Tour De Force, Inc.

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Bio: Jeanne Fogle is a Washington, D.C.–born historian and certified Master Tour Guide whose family has deep roots in the nation’s capital. Her family has lived in the Washington DC area for more than 160 years. Her great grandfather was an accomplished fresco artist whose work adorns the Capitol, her grandfather was a White House calligrapher.

In 1984, she founded **A Tour de Force, Inc.**, a tour and publications company offering private, customized guided experiences of the city.

Throughout her career, she has appeared on national television and cable programs and continues to present programs and lectures for national institutions, museums, and associations.

As an adjunct professor at Northern Virginia Community College, Jeanne teaches courses in Washington history, tour guiding, and tour management. She has authored several books celebrating her social and architectural history, including *Two Hundred Years: Stories of the Nation’s Capital*, *Proximity to Power: Neighbors to the Presidents on Lafayette Square*, and *Washington, D.C.: A Pictorial Celebration*.