



Happy 250th birthday, America.

For two and a half centuries, this country has moved forward toward the promise written into its founding: that free people, working hard and dreaming big, could build something greater than themselves.

Trucking has been proud to help move that progress.

Long before highways stretched from coast to coast, America's goods traveled by wagon, rail and river. But as the nation grew—its farms feeding cities, its factories lighting the world, its towns reaching beyond the railhead—trucks gave that growth a new kind of reach. We carried what industry made, what farmers harvested, what families needed, and what entrepreneurs imagined. We connected the shop floor to Main Street, the port to the warehouse, the ranch to the grocery aisle, and the small business to the wider world.

When America became the Arsenal of Democracy, trucking answered the call. During World War II, trucks helped move the materials, equipment, food and fuel that powered victory. Drivers, mechanics, dispatchers and fleet operators served not only in uniform, but through the daily work of keeping production moving and soldiers supplied. The road became part of the war effort, and trucking became part of America's resolve.

Then came the Interstate Highway System—one of the great achievements of the American century. Concrete and steel tied the nation together in a way no generation before could have imagined. For trucking, those highways became engines of commerce, opportunity and national unity. They helped suburbs grow, factories expand, shelves fill, and families travel farther in pursuit of a better life. America built the roads, and trucking helped turn them into prosperity.

Through recessions, disasters, wars, storms and everyday emergencies, truckers have kept this country moving. When hurricanes struck, we hauled relief. When wildfires burned, we delivered supplies. When communities were cut off, trucks found a way in. And when COVID brought daily life to a halt, America looked out the window and saw truckers still moving—delivering groceries,

medicine, masks, ventilators and vaccines. The world changed overnight, but the commitment remained: if America needed it, trucking would bring it.

That commitment is not measured in speeches, monuments or headlines.

It is measured in a driver climbing into the cab before dawn. A diesel engine turning over in the cold. A dispatcher solving the impossible. A mechanic keeping the wheels safe. A warehouse crew loading one more trailer. A family waiting at home while a driver crosses another state line to make sure another family has what it needs.

Trucking knows America up close. We know its truck stops and city streets, its mountain passes and river crossings, its factory gates and farm roads. We know the dignity of work, the value of service, and the quiet patriotism of keeping promises.

At 250, America is still building, still striving, still arguing, still improving, still becoming. And wherever the next chapter leads—new technologies, cleaner fuels, stronger supply chains, safer roads, renewed manufacturing, expanding trade—trucking will be there.

Happy birthday, America.

With gratitude and grit,

Your trucking industry