

Congressman Sweeny,

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Earlier this year I dropped off a package to explain how congress rewrote "The Sanitary Food Transportation (title 49 transportation chapter 57 sanitary food transportation) but never put in an amendment to uphold this law. For example, section 5706, which calls for, dedicated vehicles so food products can be delivered safely to the American people. However, this section is completely useless because there is no way to uphold it at the present time. I do have an easy answer to this that would not add any cost to the taxpayers. Let me explain:

All trailers have to be inspected once a year and have an inspection sticker affixed on them to prove it has been inspected. To uphold section 5706 of the "Sanitary Food Transportation" law, an amendment could be written that states, "when a trailer is inspected that is going to haul food or food products that touch the food, that trailer should have a letter F on the inspection sticker that is affixed to that trailer." The rest of the system is already in place. We have D.O.T. inspection stations all over these United States. When a truck is pulled into these inspection stations it is weighted, then the inspectors checks the manifest for the load that it is hauling and inspects the vehicle. What would be so hard in having the inspector look at the inspection sticker to see if this vehicle should be hauling the freight that is in it? When an inspector looks at the driver's manifest and then checks the inspection sticker, if there is an F on the inspection sticker and there are chemicals in the trailer or other toxic substances the trailer would be impounded and the inspection sticker stripped from the trailer. The company should also be heavily fined.

There are many reasons an amendment such as this should be in place. The most important reason is the health care of the citizens of this nation. Every time I listen to a news report I hear the government is trying to cut the rising cost of health care. This would be a good way to do this and more. Doctors look for the obvious reasons why a person is ill they don't take in account that there might be other underlying reasons. In other words they treat the symptoms not the toxic effect. The doctors can't be blamed, they are not being told. The person suffering doesn't know what is happening. By the doctors treating the symptoms it cost the taxpayers millions of dollars a year. The people that are most at risk are our children and the elderly. The State Agencies or State Insurance cares for some of these children. While most elderly depend on Medicare for there medical insurance. If we can stop the poisoning of our food supply by these industries our children and elderly will have a healthy and more productive life.

In my research of the products that I hauled for the company where I was injured I found that most of these chemicals are the same chemicals that are in tobacco smoke. In fact one chemical is worse then the rest because it sensitizes the human body to many other things. In other words it makes the body allergic to many other chemicals and natural things such as pollen. Could this be one of the reasons there is a rise in asthma in children? By the way congress has gone after the tobacco companies because of the health risk associated with these toxins you would think they would do everything in there