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Braleley has long opposed program allowing Mexican trucks to enter and operate in United States

Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Bruce Braley (IA-01) wrote US Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, urging him to explain what steps the US Department of Transportation is taking to ensure Mexican trucks operating in the United States are doing so safely. Mexican trucks are being allowed to operate freely in the United States for the first time starting today under an agreement announced by the US DOT in July.

“Allowing this program to continue puts US drivers at danger and threatens American jobs,” Braley said. “Mexican truck safety standards don’t even compare to ours, and letting tens of thousands of potentially unsafe Mexican trucks onto our highways poses a threat to American drivers. Allowing thousands of Mexican workers to operate trucks in the US takes jobs away from American workers.

“At the very least, Mexican trucks in this program should be held to the same standards as

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American trucks.”

For years, Braley has worked to stop programs allowing Mexican trucks and drivers to enter the US despite not being held to the same safety standards.

Earlier this year, Braley introduced the Protecting American Roads Act to block the US Department of Transportation from allowing Mexican trucks into the United States.

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