

Dear

Our country's ongoing supply chain problems are well known and impacting most of the American economy. What isn't recognized are the supply chain issues the printing industry is having, primarily with paper supply. Paper supplies used for printing, packaging and mail are stretched very thin, jeopardizing thousands of American manufacturing jobs.

What also needs to be recognized is the threat that these shortages pose to the broader United States economy. Printing is an integral part of most of our economy and a variety of service and manufacturing companies rely on print as a cornerstone of their ability to operate. The shortage of paper used for communication, packaging, labels, etc. will impede the ability of these companies to provide a service or bring a product to market. We call on Congress to act expeditiously in taking action to address this problem.

First, pass the Ocean Shipping Reform Act which will modernize provisions of the law to reflect best practices in the global shipping industry. This provision has passed the House in bipartisan fashion and awaits approval by the Senate.

Second, continue working with the surface trucking industry to enact measures that will address the ongoing driver shortage. The supply chain issue will not be resolved without acting here.

Third, act to increase the labor pool by implementing targeted financial incentives to recruit additional truck drivers, grant temporary visas to workers willing to fill the employment gap in key sectors, and increase regulatory flexibility to make the delivery of goods and materials easier.

Our industry is not alone in feeling the pinch that the supply chain woes have created. It is a significant impediment to the recovery of the American economy and we need you take action.”

Sincerely