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The “Defend the Driver” Manifesto

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The trucking industry is under siege.

It's not from foreign competition or technology disruption, but from a civil justice system that has lost all sense of proportion. Nuclear verdicts are bankrupting good companies. The “tort tax” touches every American. And the professional drivers who keep America moving are being treated as targets, not heroes.

Why It Matters

This isn't just a trucking problem. It's an American problem. Every verdict that exceeds all reason, every billboard lawyer chasing clients, every expert-for-hire who manufactures a "standard of care" — it all flows downstream. Into insurance premiums. Into freight rates. Into the price you pay for groceries, medicine, and everything else that moves.

What We Believe

We believe trucking is the circulatory system of the American economy. Every meal on your table, every package at your door, every medicine in your cabinet got there because a professional driver delivered them.

We believe the men and women who move freight are skilled professionals who deserve respect, fair treatment, and a system that recognizes their contribution rather than treating them as targets.

We believe in safety — not as a slogan, but as a discipline. The best fleets invest millions in training, technology, and culture to protect drivers, protect the public, and protect their livelihoods. That commitment should be recognized, not punished.

We believe the civil justice system has lost its way. When a single verdict can destroy a company that employs hundreds of families. When lawyers chase accidents with billboards and buy "expert" testimony. When "nuclear verdicts" become a business model. When all these things are common, something is broken.

We believe in accountability. When there is true negligence, there should be consequences. But proportionality matters. Justice is not supposed to be a lottery ticket.

What's Next

[TransportCenter](#) is building the voice this industry needs. Every week, you'll get:

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- **Safety Leadership:** What the best fleets are doing right
- **Regulatory Radar:** Policy changes that affect your operation
- **Driver Stories:** The human side of trucking
- **Movement Updates:** Building the community that fights back

The Bottom Line

This is our industry. We're not giving it up. We inform. We connect. We fight back. And we remember: **Truckers vote.**

For questions about how you and your company can be a driving force in changing the dynamic of trucking, please [contact me](#) at any time.

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