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IWLA Applauds Bipartisan Legislation to Combat Cargo Theft and Protect U.S. Supply Chains

August 18, 2025 (Des Plaines, Ill.) – The International Warehouse Logistics Association (IWLA) is calling on Congress to pass H.R. 4930 — a bipartisan bill to strengthen U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s (CBP) authority to share shipment data with trusted supply chain partners — in the wake of a record-setting wave of freight fraud and cargo theft.

The legislation, introduced by Representatives Blake Moore (R-UT) and Brad Schneider (D-IL) and Senators Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH), would grant CBP explicit authority to share critical shipment information — including labels, manifests, and packaging images — with carriers, warehouses, and online marketplaces connected to suspect goods. Senators Grassley and Hassan are also filing the measure as an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), a move that could significantly accelerate its path to passage.

“IWLA-member-warehouse companies are on the front lines of securing America’s supply chains. But organized criminal networks are exploiting gaps in data sharing to steal, counterfeit, and divert goods at unprecedented levels,” said IWLA President & CEO Jay Strother. “This bill is a decisive step toward giving trusted logistics partners the real-time intelligence they need to stop fraud before it hits our docks — and everyone’s wallets.”

The need for action is urgent. Cargo crime in the United States hit an all-time high in 2024, with documented losses exceeding \$1 billion. This figure is projected to rise another 22 percent in 2025. Criminal networks increasingly rely on identity theft, falsified paperwork, and insider leaks to target high-value loads — from consumer electronics to pharmaceuticals. In July, in one of the largest thefts in recent memory, a semi-trailer carrying \$15 million in Apple products and semiconductors was stolen from a non-secure facility in Reno, Nevada. Thieves hooked the load after hours and it was recovered days later — completely emptied.

Industry data underscores the crisis, with 65,000 thefts reported in 2024 — a 40 percent year-over-year increase — and only one in 10 cases resulting in arrest. Electronics remain the most targeted product category, followed closely by household goods and vehicles.

H.R. 4930’s enhanced data-sharing provisions will allow CBP to quickly identify patterns such as repeat sender addresses, drop points, and compromised distribution hubs — enabling faster intervention and prevention of future losses.

“IWLA members are ready to partner with CBP and law enforcement,” Strother added. “Congress must move swiftly to pass this bipartisan legislation — every day without action is another day criminal networks profit from the vulnerabilities in our supply chain.”

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