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I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 3826, which establishes a program within the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to promote workforce development initiatives in the trucking industry. This legislation is a crucial step toward addressing the pressing workforce shortages in this vital sector and ensuring a robust, skilled labor force for the future.

The trucking industry plays an essential role in our economy, facilitating the movement of goods and services across the state and nation. However, the industry currently faces significant challenges, including a shortage of qualified drivers and skilled workers. By establishing a dedicated program focused on workforce development, HB 3826 will help to create targeted training and educational opportunities that align with industry needs, ultimately benefiting both workers and employers.

Investing in workforce development initiatives will not only enhance job opportunities for individuals seeking stable and rewarding careers but also contribute to the overall economic growth of our communities. By providing training programs, apprenticeships, and partnerships with local employers, we can equip the next generation of truck drivers and logistics professionals with the skills necessary to thrive in an evolving job market.

Moreover, promoting careers in the trucking industry can help to attract a diverse workforce, including underrepresented groups. This initiative has the potential to foster inclusivity and create pathways for individuals who may not have previously considered a career in transportation, thereby strengthening the industry and our economy as a whole.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support House Bill 3826 and urge you to advocate for its passage. By establishing a program to promote workforce development in the trucking industry, we can address current workforce challenges, enhance economic opportunities, and secure a brighter future for our communities.