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## **Florida Trucking Association Honored with Truckers Against Trafficking Champion Award**

Florida Trucking Association (FTA) has been named the recipient of the 2021 Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) Champion Award in the Association Category. In announcing the award, **TAT Deputy Director Kylla Lanier** said, "Florida Trucking Association has been one of our staunchest supporters in the fight against human trafficking, taking this issue on as their own and making it a priority. Through every avenue available to them, they have leveraged their influence on TAT's behalf to help build an army of eyes and ears on our roadways to recognize and report this crime. I am beyond proud to present this much deserved TAT Champion Award to FTA."

"Florida Trucking Association is honored to be the 2021 recipient of the Truckers Against Trafficking Champion Award," said **Ken Armstrong, President and CEO of FTA**. "Safety is the number one priority for our members—ensuring motorists are safe on our roads and the most vulnerable are protected. We are proud of the leadership role FTA and professional commercial truck drivers play in spotting and reporting victims of human trafficking."

The fight against the injustice of human trafficking is the work of thousands of dedicated and committed people taking place on continents and in countries around the world. Without the support, commitment

and actions of the organizations, associations and state agency partners TAT works with, the gains made in the fight against human trafficking in the United States would take a huge leap backward. Each year, therefore, TAT recognizes and honors the outstanding creative, innovative, generous and dedicated efforts of specific partners, whose actions have significantly helped to engage more members of the industries TAT works with, as well as the efforts of more agencies and organizations within their state and the nation, in the fight to end the crime of human trafficking.

“Florida Trucking Association continues to go above and beyond to support our mission to end human trafficking in our state,” said **Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody**. “They are one of our earliest and most reliable teammates in raising awareness about this horrific crime—with thousands of FTA members participating in anti-human trafficking trainings every year. I am thrilled they are being recognized for the vital role they play in this crucial fight to stop human trafficking and save lives.”

“Florida Trucking Association has long advocated on behalf of Florida’s trucking and transportation industry, and has worked tirelessly to combat human trafficking on our roads and in our communities,” said **FLHSMV Executive Director, Terry L. Rhodes**. “We congratulate FTA on this well-deserved award and thank them for their continued partnership in our shared effort to end human trafficking.”

“Florida Trucking Association has long been committed to increasing awareness about human trafficking and providing educational resources for its members. Through their efforts, countless trucking professionals have learned the signs and where to report suspected trafficking. We are grateful for their commitment to ending this horrible exploitation in our state and congratulate them on this tremendous recognition,” said **Erin Collins, Executive Director of Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking**.

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#### **About Florida Trucking Association**

Florida Trucking Association (FTA) has been the leading voice, protecting the interests of Florida’s trucking and transportation industry, for almost 90 years. FTA is the sole liaison between the trucking industry, the Florida Legislature and state regulatory agencies, and serves as a source of information, continuing education and best practices for its members. For more information, go to <https://www.fltrucking.org>.

#### **About Truckers Against Trafficking**

Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) is a 501(c) 3 that exists to educate, equip, empower and mobilize members of the trucking, bus and energy industries to combat domestic sex trafficking as part of their everyday jobs. The national hotline to call if human trafficking is suspected is 1-888-373-7888. To learn more, go to [www.truckersagainsttrafficking.org](http://www.truckersagainsttrafficking.org).