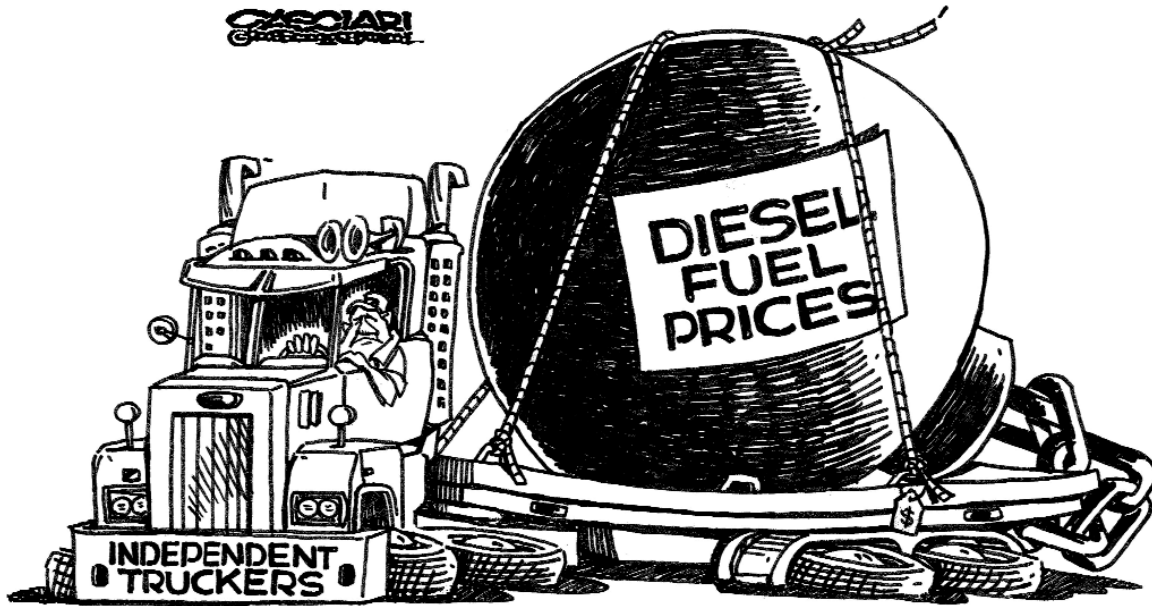


Buckling under the load.



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The cost of diesel is far and away the biggest operating expense for America's small business truckers (30-40% of their operating costs). With the national average price of diesel being \$.62 more per gallon than last year at this time, those hardworking Americans are quite literally struggling to survive. In fact, thousands have already been forced out of business.

Fuel surcharges are commonly used in the trucking, aviation, rail and maritime industries to weather erratic and spiking fuel prices. However, due to the operational structures of the trucking industry, small business truckers do not have access to the fuel surcharges so widely used by their large corporate counterparts.

The truckload fuel surcharge legislation **is not regulation**, it's not government market tampering and it's not a boon for litigation-happy lawyers. It simply provides small business truckers with access to the same mechanism large trucking corporations are already using to weather erratic and spiking fuel prices.

Please call (202) 347-2007 with any questions about the truckload fuel surcharge legislation.

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