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Lt. Governor Guadagno Attends New Jersey Motor Truck Association Forum

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Trenton, NJ —Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno today addressed the New Jersey Motor Truck Association at its annual forum in Carteret. She stressed the importance of trucking and shipping to New Jersey's economy and pointed to the improving economy as partially responsible for the recent uptick in trucking jobs.

"Over the last five years, employment in truck transportation has grown at double the rate of overall employment," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "Trucking is good, honest work, and we need to continue recruiting young and able bodied workers to fill these empty slots."

Employment rates in trucking have rebounded to reach employment levels of 35,000 people in 2015, which represents a 9.7% increase from the low point in 2010. The Lt. Governor also noted the connection between New Jersey's ports and the trucking industry. Containers of products have been coming into New Jersey's ports in record-shattering numbers and about 85% of these containers are shipped out of the ports by truck. Traffic to the ports averages 11,000 trucks a day. When all this is considered, this industry is responsible for 190,100 direct jobs and 336,000 total jobs in the region.

"The Port is the backbone of our economy and trucks are the backbone to the Port", said Gail Toth, Executive Director of the New Jersey Motor Truck Association. "The trucking industry is facing challenges on multiple fronts. However, Lt. Governor Guadagno and the Christie Administration are committed to ensuring that these challenges are resolved and that the efficient and economy distribution of goods from the Port is not slowed."

The New Jersey Motor Truck Association represents over 450 fleets that operate in New Jersey and employ well over 40,000 people.

For more information on the New Jersey Motor Truck Association, visit: <http://njmta.wildapricot.org/>

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