Trucking Roadblock May be a Bigger Threat than Clogged Ports

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The American Trucking Association (ATA), in an update issued earlier this week, estimates that the nationwide truck driver shortage will reach a record 80,000 in 2021, and if the current trend continues the ATA predicts the shortfall could double by 2030. There are a multitude of contributing factors including an aging workforce, widespread industry vaccine aversion, a dwindling labor pool due to age restrictions (drivers must be at least 21 years old), difficulty hiring and retaining woman (only 7% of drivers are female) and unwillingness or inability of applicants to take or pass required drug tests.

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