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## Ricci Law Firm Attorneys Travel to Washington, D.C. in April to Advocate for Trucking Safety

**Washington, D.C.** – Recently, attorneys Bonnie Pierce and Meredith Hinton of Ricci Law Firm Injury Lawyers traveled to Washington, D.C. to advocate for safer trucking policies on behalf of clients and families affected by devastating truck crashes. They met with Congressman Greg Murphy, MD, Congressman Don Davis, Congressman Richard Hudson, and Office of US Senator Thom Tillis.

Bonnie and Meredith are part of the Women's Caucus of the Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys. The Women's Caucus partnered with the Institute for Safer Trucking for a day of Advocacy in Washington DC. Along with attorneys, clients and victims' families joined in the efforts to advocate at Congress for safer trucking.

Bonnie has been advocating for safer trucking for over 30 years. Her passion for justice

began from personal tragedy. In 1993, her son Terry was killed in a collision with a tractor-trailer just two miles from his coach's home. That moment changed everything.

"Terry's death is the reason I do what I do today," said Bonnie. "If I can help another family get answers – if I can stop even one more preventable death – then Terry's life continues to matter in a profound way."

Following years of digging, learning the law, and fighting for accountability, Bonnie became an attorney and has since devoted her legal career to representing victims of truck crashes. She brings lived experience to her advocacy – not just legal expertise, but a mother's resolve to ensure no one else suffers a tragedy like she has.

Bonnie and Meredith joined forces with victims to have individual meetings with Congressman Greg Murphy, Congressman Richard Hudson, Congressman Don Davis, and Lauren Medlin of Senator Thom Tillis's office. The meetings were a great opportunity for the victims to share their stories. Also, Bonnie and Meredith were able to discuss potential policy changes, laws, and other ways that Congress can help

make America's roads and highways safer continuing Ricci Law Firm's commitment to championing change beyond the courtroom.

"North Carolina alone has seen a 50% increase in fatal truck crashes in the last 10 years," said Meredith.

"We see the heartbreaking results with each family we represent and are advocating for safer trucking to prevent these tragedies from continuing to happen."

Ricci Law Firm Injury Lawyers remains a powerful advocate for victims of catastrophic injury across North Carolina, with a particular focus on trucking, motorcycle, and workplace accidents. Their involvement in community safety and national reform efforts is part of their mission to serve both clients and the greater good.

For more information about Bonnie, Meredith, or Ricci Law Firm's legal services and community initiatives, visit <u>riccilaw.com</u>.

## **ABOUT RICCI LAW FIRM, P.A.**

Since 1997, Ricci Law Firm Injury Lawyers has been a cornerstone source of legal support for North Carolinians facing life-altering injuries and the loss of loved ones. Our team of over 150 experienced attorneys, paralegals, case managers and support team, meticulously selected and trained, provides professional assistance and compassionate care to those in need. With over 150+ years of combined experience in personal injury and workers' compensation cases, we prioritize clients' well-being, striving to secure the compensation they deserve while safeguarding their legal rights and ensuring access to essential medical care. With 12 locations across North Carolina, the firm is deeply rooted in communities across the State, ready to serve clients with unwavering dedication and dependable advocacy. For more information, please visit riccilaw.com or call Alicia Delamere at 252.594.5418.