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WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCES FUEL SAVINGS STANDARDS FOR TRUCKS, BUSES

President Obama recently met with transportation industry officials to discuss new fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas pollution standards for heavy duty trucks, buses and other heavy commercial vehicles. The White House estimates that the new standards will save transportation businesses approximately \$50 billion in fuel costs over the life of the program. Hailing this first-ever national policy to increase fuel efficiency, Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said, "These new standards will reduce fuel costs for businesses, encourage innovation in the manufacturing sector, and promote energy independence for America." Under the new program, trucks and buses built in 2014 through 2018 will need to reduce oil consumption by a projected 530 million barrels and greenhouse gas pollution by an estimated 270 million metric tons. Some stakeholders question the financial and logistical impact of these mandates on small businesses. The full release is at www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/08/09/white-house-announces-first-ever-oil-savings-standards-heavy-duty-trucks.

ATRI SURVEY REVEALS DRIVER CONCERNS WITH CSA

The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) has published the results of a recent survey which reveals some lingering confusion among commercial motor vehicle drivers about the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Compliance-Safety-Accountability (CSA) program. The findings were based on responses from 4,555 commercial truck drivers. Much of the confusion is in the area of drivers' performance and how their driving records, job security and pay scale would be impacted by what is included in their Safety Measurement System (SMS) records. Almost two-thirds of drivers are extremely concerned that they could lose their jobs as a result of CSA. Almost three-quarters of drivers incorrectly believe that FMCSA can revoke their commercial driver's license, and more than two-thirds believe that CSA takes their personal driving records into account when compiling their SMS records. The full survey is posted on the ATRI website at www.atri-online.org. Access the "Driver Concerns With CSA" link.

ANNUAL CRACKDOWN ON IMPAIRED DRIVING BEGINS AUGUST 19

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), an estimated 500 vehicular deaths will occur over the Labor Day weekend, with most of the fatalities caused by drivers under the influence of drugs or alcohol. NHTSA is sponsoring its Impaired Driving Prevention National Enforcement Crackdown from August 19th through September 5th. The new message is *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*, and law enforcement officials will be out in force. The campaign's website has access to many support materials, including: research facts, crash statistics, checkpoints guides, posters, and a report on how to spot DWI motorists. Go to: <http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org/index-HQ.html>.