



## AMERICAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATIONS

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### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

#### SPEED LIMITS AND SPEED GOVERNING

The American Trucking Associations (ATA) recommends enacting a new national speed limit of 65 mph for all vehicles and a requirement for all large trucks over 26,000 pounds to be speed governed at no more than 65 mph. A truck traveling at 75 mph consumes 27 percent more fuel than one going at 65 mph. Bringing speed limits for trucks down to 65 mph would save 2.8 billion gallons of diesel fuel in a decade and reduce carbon emissions by 31.5 million tons. Automobile consumption would drop by 8.7 billion gallons with an accompanying drop in carbon emissions of 84.7 million tons.

#### SUPPORT FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS

ATA supports setting technologically feasible national fuel economy standards for medium- and heavy-duty trucks that reduce fuel consumption and do not compromise the performance of the vehicles.

#### REDUCTION IN TRUCK IDLING

ATA recommends pursuing a federal solution that reduces discretionary idling through incentives for new technology and reduces non-discretionary idling through highway infrastructure improvements. Discretionary idling occurs when drivers idle their engines during rest periods to provide heat or air conditioning for the sleeper compartment, keep the engine warm during cold weather and provide electrical power for their appliances. Options currently available to fleets to minimize discretionary idling have the potential to reduce carbon emissions by an estimated 61.1 million tons over ten years.

#### FUEL EFFICIENCY THROUGH SMARTWAY<sup>SM</sup>

ATA recommends that shippers and carriers join the U.S. EPA SmartWay<sup>SM</sup> Transport Partnership Program in order to achieve greater national gains in fuel efficiency and carbon reduction. The goal of the Program is to look beyond the fuel economy of individual vehicles and use new management techniques and technologies to increase the amount of cargo moved per gallon of fuel for the entire fleet. SmartWay<sup>SM</sup> partners are expected to save over a half billion gallons of fuel in 2008.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT PRODUCTIVITY

ATA supports initiatives to improve highway infrastructure, eliminate critical bottlenecks, and reduce overall congestion on the Nation's highways. Additionally, ATA recommends changes in truck size and weight standards that will permit fewer trucks transporting more freight which will reduce overall truck vehicle miles traveled, emissions of carbon and other pollutants, and fuel consumption.

