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CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION

The House of Representatives passed climate change legislation ([H.R. 2454](#)) earlier this summer. The Senate has not taken up climate change legislation though Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has set a September 28 deadline for all committees of jurisdiction to report their versions so that the Senate can consider the legislation in the fall.

In a letter to the Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA), ATA outlined our concerns with the legislation. Paramount is our strong belief that mobile sources like trucking should be addressed differently than traditional stationary sources under any carbon reduction regulatory program. Additionally we outlined 4 specific concerns with [H.R. 2454](#):

- [H.R. 2454](#) would significantly increase the price of diesel fuel.
- [H.R. 2454](#) does not allocate any of the carbon auction revenues toward highway infrastructure improvements that could reduce congestion and thus reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- [H.R. 2454](#) does not adequately address government oversight of commodity markets and the new carbon cap and trade system.
- [H.R. 2454](#) does not provide any meaningful incentives to develop new technologies or alternative fuels for the trucking industry.

ATA Position:

ATA did not support [H.R. 2454](#) and will not support any subsequent legislation in the Senate that does not address the concerns outlined above.

Good stuff.

