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REDUCTION IN TRUCK IDLING

Issue:

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.

Status:

Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) and Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX) introduced H.R. 3383 which provides tax credits for the purchase of idling reduction systems for diesel-powered on-highway vehicles. The legislation proposes a 50 percent tax credit up to \$3,000 for each truck for which an idling reduction device is purchased.

ATA Position:

ATA strongly supports H.R. 3383.

Good stuff.

