



AAA Endorses SHIPA Legislation

After a thorough review of its truck size and weight policy, AAA National has officially endorsed the CABT-supported Safe Highways and Infrastructure Preservation Act (S. 779/H.R. 1618) that would freeze truck size and weight limits. AAA has over 45 million members across the United States and its members consistently rank truck safety as one of their top traffic safety concerns every year. In its letter of support to Congressman McGovern, who introduced SHIPA in Congress, AAA states that, "While increased productivity and overall economic improvements are frequently cited as justifications for [increasing truck size or weight], potential safety, enforcement and infrastructure impacts are often omitted from these discussions. "

Join us in thanking AAA for its support and help us by reaching out to your local motor club and encourage them to get involved as well.

Oberstar Says Lack of Research Stalls Push for Heavier Trucks

A recent article in Transport Topics reports that House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman James Oberstar (D-MN) believes that a lack of good data on the effect of bigger trucks on the nation's roadways has stalled any hope the trucking industry has of new legislation to change the current limits.

While the Chairman's statement is welcome news, it also does not close the door on any attempt to increase truck size or weight. We have already seen the other side distort existing research to support increasing "truck productivity," and we expect that they will react to the Chairman's statement by redoubling their efforts. In fact, the three main industry groups promoting heavier truck weights (Americans for Safe and Efficient Transportation, Coalition for Transportation Productivity, and Agricultural Transportation Efficiency Coalition) are conducting a "fly-in" next week to lobby Members of Congress in favor of increasing truck weights.

CABT Bringing Supporters to DC in February

To combat the effort by those pushing for bigger trucks, CABT is having our own fly-in on February 4. We are bringing nearly 30 supporters from across the country to Washington, DC, to meet with Members of Congress and discuss opposition to increases in truck size or weight and encourage passage of the Safe Highways and Infrastructure Preservation Act (S. 779/H.R. 1618).