

# ASSOCIATION ALERT! **CALL ON CONGRESS at HOME!**

**TRUCK  
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REFORM**

While Congress is home for the Memorial Day recess, it is important they hear from you! Ask them to sign on as a sponsor to HR 1799 for more efficient transportation on our interstate highways.

## **Representative Allen Boyd**

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**MESSAGE:** Please consider co-sponsoring the Safe and Efficient Transportation Act, HR 1799, to improve the efficiency of our nation's transportation network while ensuring the safety of our roadways.

The bill carefully balances productivity and safety by increasing gross vehicle weights on interstate highways from 80,000 to 97,000 pounds for vehicles that are properly equipped with a sixth axle.

**LETTER FOLLOWS THAT CAN BE CUT AND PASTED FOR FAX**

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_:

I am writing today to ask you to cosponsor the Safe and Efficient Transportation Act, HR 1799, to improve the efficiency of our nation's transportation network while ensuring the safety of our roadways. The bill carefully balances productivity and safety by increasing gross vehicle weights on interstate highways from 80,000 to 97,000 pounds for vehicles that are properly equipped with a sixth axle. The measure would only apply to states that opt-in to this increase and to businesses that pay an increased per truck Heavy Vehicle Use Tax fee targeted to bridge repair and maintenance.

Numerous objective studies have highlighted the safety and productivity improvements that will flow from this change. In a report issued this January, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation found that if this proposal had been enacted in 2006, there would have been 90 fewer heavy truck-related accidents on Wisconsin highways and employers would have reduced transportation costs by more than \$150 million. The UK, the EU and all other North American governments have adopted similar requirements with demonstrated improvements in productivity and a reduction in truck-related accidents.

**For the people of Florida, the Florida Forestry Association estimates this change would:**

- **Improve highway safety and reduce traffic on Florida highways by more than 198,000 log truckloads hauled annually.**
- **Stimulate the economy by saving forest business over \$10 million in fuel costs and help preserve over 133,000 jobs.**
- **Improve the environment by saving 4.2 million gallons of diesel fuel each year and reducing CO2 emissions by 94 million pounds.**

Please support the businesses in your district, the environment and the safety of your community by co-sponsoring H.R. 1799 today.

Sincerely yours,