



Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance

Improving commercial motor vehicle safety and enforcement

Long-Term Commercial Motor Vehicle Program Success

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance supports solutions promoting long-term CMV program success.

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The federal government entrusts the states with the responsibility of enforcing the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) and the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) and, for that purpose, Congress provides funding to the states, through the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP). The states use funds through MCSAP to conduct enforcement activities, train enforcement personnel, purchase necessary equipment, update software and other technology, and conduct outreach and education campaigns to raise awareness related to CMV safety issues. MCSAP pays the salaries of approximately 13,000 full time and part time CMV safety professionals. These people conduct nearly three million roadside inspections, 56,000 new entrant safety audits, and 4,500 compliance reviews each year.

In order to achieve long-term commercial motor vehicle program success, MCSAP must be adequately funded. Recognizing that future funding for MCSAP is directly tied to the long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund, ***CVSA supports ongoing efforts to identify sustainable, long-term revenue sources to address the Highway Trust Fund solvency, in order to ensure stability for the MCSAP.*** When states see a reduction in their MCSAP funding, their programs are reduced and fewer inspections, compliance reviews and safety audits are conducted, reducing the safety benefit of such activities discussed above and undermining improvement in CMV safety. The Highway Trust Fund must remain solvent in order to ensure stability for MCSAP.

Relatedly, commerce is by nature a national matter, as goods flow across state and international lines, and national leadership is needed to avoid a patchwork of policies and regulations. The federal government has a responsibility to lead this effort to oversee commerce and ensure goods move safely and efficiently throughout the nation. It is appropriate to collect and redistribute funds so that programs are well funded and consistent across the country. ***CVSA opposes any efforts to devolve responsibility for the federal program back to the states.***