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COMPANY OPERATING HEAVIER, SIX-AXLE TRUCKS NAMED WASHINGTON STATE'S GRAND CHAMPION FOR SAFETY

Gordon Trucking Demonstrates that Permitting Heavier, Six-Axle Trucks on Interstates Will Improve Highway Safety, Industry Productivity and Environmental Sustainability

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 30, 2009) – The Coalition for Transportation Productivity (CTP), a coalition of more than 100 shippers and allied associations dedicated to responsibly increasing the federal weight limit on interstate highways, today announced that Gordon Trucking was recognized by The Washington State Patrol, WTA and Great West Casualty Truck Insurance as The Grand Champion for Safety among all fleets in Washington State.

Gordon Trucking uses heavier six-axle trucks that are allowed in Washington State and proposed nationwide by the Safe and Efficient Transportation Act (H.R. 1799), bipartisan legislation sponsored by Reps. Michael Michaud (D-ME) and Jean Schmidt (R-OH). The bill would allow heavier – not larger – trucks on interstates by giving each state the option to increase its interstate vehicle weight limit to 97,000 pounds for trucks equipped with a sixth axle for safety.

“Using six-axle trucks similar to those permitted by The Safe and Efficient Transportation Act, we have been able to increase productivity, reduce environmental impact and, most importantly, maintain a stellar level of safety,” said Steve Gordon, Gordon Trucking Chief Operating Officer. “Our family business is heavily involved in trade between the U.S. and Canada, and with Canada’s higher weight limits, we feel strongly that H.R. 1799 would help Northwestern producers compete for market share and would harmonize interstate delivery to California and other states with lower weight limits.”

“As Grand Champion for Safety, Gordon Trucking exemplifies the positive effect H.R. 1799 would have on our nation’s highways,” said CTP Co-Chair John Runyan. “This legislation would allow more states to adopt the stance that Gordon Trucking has used in Washington State for many years – allowing heavier, more efficient trucks to operate on the our nation’s interstates, and improve safety, minimize environmental impact and cultivate the economy.”

About the Coalition for Transportation Productivity

The Coalition for Transportation Productivity (CTP) is a coalition of more than 100 shippers and allied associations dedicated to increasing the vehicle weight limit to 97,000 pounds on federal interstate highways for vehicles equipped with an additional axle as a way to address the safety, economic and environmental challenges facing our nation’s freight transportation network. CTP supports a user fee on units equipped with the additional axle to be used for bridge repair. For more information, visit www.transportationproductivity.org.

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