

**Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, Public Citizen,  
Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways (CRASH) and  
Parents Against Tired Truckers (P.A.T.T.)**

**Oppose the Cornyn Amendment to H.R. 3074**

***The Cornyn Amendment Ignores Major Safety Problems  
and Does Not Address the Unresolved Safety Issues of the U.S. DOT  
Mexico-domiciled Pilot Program***

- The amendment ignores the fact that U.S. federal and State officials do *not* have access to crucial safety data showing the safety status of participants in the pilot program (U.S. OIG DOT Report, September 6, 2007).
  - U.S. inspectors evaluating Mexican motor carriers for participation in demonstration program are relying on information provided by the Mexican applicant and do not have all necessary safety information.
  - U.S. inspectors do not have reliable or accurate records when performing safety inspections about the Mexican truck driver, including:
    - ▶ Mexican driver violation convictions such as drunk driving or speeding
    - ▶ Mexican driver disqualifications in commercial and passenger vehicles
    - ▶ Mexican driver hours of service violations and falsified logbooks on driving hours and rest time
    - ▶ Mexican truck accident involvements
- The amendment does not address the fact that neither the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration nor the States have all essential safety procedures in place for oversight and enforcement of the terms of the demonstration program. *Up to half the States are not ready to enforce the program* (U.S. DOT OIG Report).
- The amendment also ignores the fact that the U.S. DOT continues to evade and defy federal safety laws and regulations, including requirements for conducting truck driver drug and alcohol testing.
- The amendment fails to acknowledge that U.S. DOT is evading compliance with major federal laws and regulations, including existing statutory requirements dictating how DOT must conduct credible pilot programs.