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**Re: CTA National Speed Limiter Campaign**

Dear Ms. Phaneuf:

On behalf of the Traffic Injury Research Foundation, I want to congratulate CTA and lend our support to your national campaign to mandate speed limiters on all trucks travelling into or through Canada. The CTA policy on speed limitation and lane discipline has been developed with due consideration to the research on the relationship between speed and crash risk as well as the relationship between differential speed and crash risk. Moreover, it is responsive to the views and concerns of a wide range of stakeholders, including not only the carriers themselves but also the manufacturers, public, police and regulators.

No doubt some safety advocates would favour an even lower speed limit than proposed in the CTA policy statement but the 105 kph limit being recommended is an obviously judicious compromise and at this time a start in the right direction.

Our own research shows that the public is concerned about the issue of truck safety and the recommendations proposed by CTA should have a positive impact on these perceptions.

It is encouraging that CTA has taken the leadership in pursuing a national policy of speed limiters since it will have safety benefits in terms of fewer deaths and injuries. Annually in Canada, some 500 people are killed and 11,000 injured in collisions involving heavy trucks – an effective speed limitation and lane discipline policy can have a positive impact on these numbers.

CTA has taken an important step and we support their policy and campaign to have speed limiters on all trucks travelling into and through Canada.

Sincerely,

Herb M. Simpson, Ph.D.  
President and CEO