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ROAD SAFE AMERICA FOUNDER STEVE OWINGS APPOINTED TO
FMCSA’S MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The committee will provide recommendations to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regarding motor carrier safety programs and regulations.

ATLANTA – Road Safe America announced the appointment of its co-founder, Steve Owings, to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s newly formed Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee. Road Safe America is a non-profit safety advocacy organization. Its mission is to make America’s highways safer by reducing the number of collisions between large trucks and passenger vehicles. In 2006, Road Safe America joined a consortium of trucking industry leaders to file a petition with the FMCSA seeking a Federal regulation requiring electronic speed governors set at a maximum 68 mph on all large trucks.

“I commend the FMCSA for facilitating discussion and collaboration among representatives from diverse highway safety and trucking industry constituencies,” said Steve Owings, who co-founded Road Safe America in honor of his 22-year-old son, Cullum, who died when his vehicle was rear-ended by a speeding truck. “We will come to the table with varied perspectives, but we are all working toward a common goal: safer highways for drivers and occupants of tractor-trailers and passenger vehicles.”

The Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) on the needs, objectives, plans, approaches, content and accomplishments of motor carrier safety programs and motor carrier safety regulations. It will be comprised of up to 20 members appointed by the Administrator for up to two-year terms. The Committee members were selected from among individuals who are not employees of FMCSA and who are specially qualified to
serve on the Committee based on their education, training or experience. Members include representatives of the motor carrier industry, safety advocates and safety enforcement officials.

**About Road Safe America**

Atlanta-based Road Safe America is working to make our highways safer by reducing the number of collisions between large trucks and passenger vehicles. Many trucks travel at dangerously high speeds, making it impossible for them to stop safely in an emergency. Road Safe America is working toward a national rule that requires operational speed governors in trucks, limiting them to 68 miles an hour, with serious consequences for violators. Passenger vehicles are responsible for many tractor-trailer accidents, as well. Therefore, Road Safe America also works to educate the driving public on how to safely share the road with large trucks. For more information, please visit [www.roadsafeamerica.org](http://www.roadsafeamerica.org).

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