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Dear Traffic Safety Advocate,

Michigan continues to be seen as a leader in traffic safety both regionally and nationally. Most recently, another testament to this reputation was the Michigan Truck Safety Commission (MTSC) being selected by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) to be featured on its Podcast Series, "In the Safety Lane."

The MTSC is recognized as being the only organization in the nation dedicated to commercial truck driver education and training supported not with tax dollars but solely by the industry it serves. Over the past two decades the MTSC and its many partners have been committed to improve truck travel in Michigan through enforcement and education initiatives. As a result of these efforts, the number of commercial vehicle-involved crashes in Michigan has decreased by 31 percent since 2000.

The 30 minute Podcast was recorded in conjunction with the 20th Anniversary of the MTSC, celebrated on October 21, 2008, and features discussions with the MTSC chairperson, Dr. Jacqueline El-Sayed, Mr. Michael Irwin, director of the Michigan Center for Truck Safety representing the education arm, and Capt. Robert Powers, commander of the Michigan State Police Traffic Safety Division representing the enforcement arm.

The Podcast provides the origin and history of the MTSC, descriptions of the various education and enforcement programs funded by the MTSC, and a summation of some of the safety benefits the MTSC has brought to trucking in Michigan and the surrounding region.

Michigan currently has one of the lowest crash and fatality rates for commercial motor vehicles in the nation. There is no doubt that this success is due in large part to the MTSC and the programs it supports.

Please take the time to listen to the Podcast and be proud that Michigan is again singled out as a leader in traffic safety.

The Podcast can be found on CVSA's Web site at www.CVSA.org, and then selecting "In The Safety Lane" Podcast box located in the lower right-side of the homepage. The Podcast will remain available on-line indefinitely.

For more information visit the [Michigan Truck Safety Commission](http://MichiganTruckSafetyCommission) Web page or call (517) 333-5301.

Yours in traffic safety,

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