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CTP Member Home Depot Promotes Federal Truck Weight Reform Bill at EPA Freight Sustainability Summit

*Home Depot Executive: Safe & Efficient Transportation Act will Make Freight
Transportation Greener & More Productive*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Nov. 17 2011) – [The Coalition for Transportation Productivity](http://www.transportationproductivity.org) (CTP), a group of about 200 shippers and allied associations dedicated to responsibly increasing federal vehicle weight limits on interstate highways, today announced that CTP member Home Depot voiced strong support for federal truck weight reform legislation at the [U.S. Freight Sustainability Summit](#).

During her remarks at the Summit, Lindsay Chason, Senior Manager for Environmental Innovation at Home Depot, promoted the Safe and Efficient Transportation Act (SETA), S. 747, H.R. 763. SETA would modernize the federal truck weight limits by giving states the option to grant interstate access to heavier trucks equipped with safer six axles instead of the typical five.

“Transportation accounts for about 50 percent of Home Depot’s carbon footprint,” said Chason. “For Home Depot and other companies, SETA represents an opportunity to safely boost our environmental sustainability and productivity. The six-axle trucks SETA allows are more efficient because they can safely haul more goods, reducing the truckloads, vehicle miles and fuel associated with each ton of freight.”

“SETA will safely increase supply chain efficiency, helping Home Depot meet our sustainability goals and reduce cost for our company and consumers,” continued Chason. “SETA is simply a win-win for the environment, highway safety and business. Please join us in encouraging Congress to include SETA in the Highway Reauthorization legislation. Supporting smart transportation policy is the right thing to do.”

About the Safe and Efficient Transportation Act (SETA)

The U.S. federal weight limit has been set at 80,000 pounds since 1982. Many shippers meet the limit with space left in their trailers and must use more truckloads, fuel and emissions when traversing interstates. The Safe and Efficient Transportation Act (SETA) gives each state the option to set interstate weight limits of up to 97,000 pounds, but this higher weight limit would only apply to trucks equipped with safer six axles instead of the typical five. Without making the truck any larger, the additional axle maintains safety specifications—including stopping and handling capabilities and current weight per tire.

SETA was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Reps. Jean Schmidt (R-OH) and Michael Michaud (D-ME) as H.R. 763. Identical companion legislation, S. 747, was introduced in the U.S. Senate by Sens. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Herb Kohl (D-Wis.), Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Rob Portman (R-Ohio).

About the Coalition for Transportation Productivity

The Coalition for Transportation Productivity (CTP) is a coalition of about 200 shippers and allied associations dedicated to addressing the safety, economic and environmental challenges facing our nation’s freight

transportation network through carefully crafted truck weight reform. For more information, and to read supportive studies and data, visit www.transportationproductivity.org.

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