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National Roadway Safety Association Supports Oberstar's National Bridge Plan

Fredericksburg, Va. – The American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) today announced its support for the National Bridge Plan put forth by Rep. James L. Oberstar (D-Minn.).

“Chairman Oberstar has taken the lead in addressing a pressing problem across the country – our nation’s 73,784 structurally deficient, and 80,317 functionally obsolete bridges,” said ATSSA President Peter Speer. “Our citizens need to know that our bridges are safe. This is a very positive step in rebuilding our surface transportation infrastructure,” added Speer.

The Oberstar plan has four main components. It significantly improves bridge inspection requirements, it provides dedicated funding through a proposed bridge trust fund, it distributes funds based on need and prohibits earmarks, and it limits the use of the funds to this dedicated purpose.

“This proposal includes a pledge to the road users of America that their tax dollars will be spent responsibly to ensure their safety on our bridges and roadways,” added ATSSA Executive Director Roger Wentz.

Wentz also said, “In addition to inspecting, rehabilitating, or replacing bridge structures, ATSSA urges that safety improvements on bridge approaches and roadways be considered on an individual project basis.”

ATSSA, a nationally recognized roadway safety association, is headquartered in Fredericksburg, Va. Since 1969, ATSSA has represented companies and individuals in the traffic control and roadway safety industry. Over 1,600 ATSSA members provide the majority of roadway safety features, services and materials used on our nation's roadways. These include pavement markings, signage, work zone traffic control devices, and protective roadway and roadside safety features.

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