

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SAFETY ALLIANCE



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Responsible for the Administration and Enforcement of Motor
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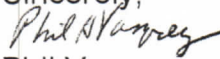
Dear Mr. Hall:

This is in response to your recent letter seeking the support of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) for the National Driver Certification Program sponsored and administered by the Towing and Recovery Association of America.

We wholeheartedly endorse this program and commend the Towing and Recovery Association of America for proposing and sponsoring such a program. It in fact closely parallels a similar certification program that CVSA has developed for roadside inspectors.

Obviously, the approach taken by your industry to set standards in anticipation of any government activity in this area is a sound one. It clearly is a model that should be followed by many other industries. Most importantly it guarantees the highest levels of professional performance by your members which in turn contributes significantly to the cause of safety on the highways. Safety at the accident scene is greatly enhanced by tow truck operators who know how to get the right equipment to the scene and clear the site as efficiently as possible.

Again, your association is to be commended for getting this program underway. Please let us know of any additional support you may need.

Sincerely,

Phil Vasquez
President