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ATRI Research Identifies Top Ten States That Demonstrate Superior Safety and Enforcement Performance

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Arlington, VA – The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI), the trucking industry's not-for-profit research organization, today released a follow-up technical report to its previously released *Enforcement Disparities* study. In the new technical report, *Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement – Top 10 High-Performance States*, ATRI researchers identified the top 10 states that demonstrate superior safety and enforcement performance.

In this comparative analysis, ATRI researchers developed a weighted formula for identifying the "Top 10" high-performance states across 11 metrics highlighted in the *Enforcement Disparities* study. This analysis highlights the Best Practices of leading safety innovators in the enforcement community — providing direct benefits to both industry and enforcement partners.

ATRI's analysis identified and rank-ordered the following states as the "Top 10" High-Performers:

1. Maryland
2. Washington
3. Nevada
4. Rhode Island
5. Montana
6. Connecticut

7. New Mexico
8. California
9. South Dakota
10. Iowa

In addition, several of the "Top 10" states were also recognized as Top Tier states in ATRI's 2005 and 2011 Crash Predictor studies. In the Crash Predictor studies, states were evaluated and ranked based on effective enforcement countermeasures relative to crash rate outcomes. The overlap of six states across the three lists not only validates the findings, but provides further evidence that certain states exemplify superior safety and enforcement performance.

"These 10 states epitomize what we would like to see in all 50 states in terms of commercial motor vehicle enforcement – a balanced approach that recognizes the importance of traffic enforcement and a focus on driver behaviors that have a relationship to truck crashes," commented Annette Sandberg, former FMCSA Administrator and former Chief of the Washington State Patrol. Ms. Sandberg currently serves as a member of the ATRI Board of Directors.

"The industry applauds these state enforcement agencies who, in partnership with their respective state trucking associations and members, have made highway safety and reduced truck crashes their top priority," remarked Bill Graves, President and CEO of the American Trucking Associations.

A copy of this tech brief is available by clicking here.

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