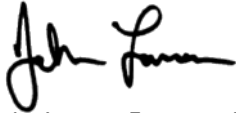


# Welcome to the 2015 Sorrow to Strength Conference

Truck safety issues are at the forefront of Congressional debate leading into the transportation reauthorization process, and we have an opportunity to make a positive impact. For the first time in almost ten years a multi-year reauthorization longer than two years is being worked on. The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is working on a number of rulemakings including electronic logging devices (ELD), speed limiters, and rear underride.

I look forward to our meetings and events during the four days of the conference. They provide an opportunity for us to learn from each other and to join together to advocate for real changes for safety. It will also be an opportunity to connect with people from around the country, both long-time volunteers and those new to the conference. It is our goal to make this conference supportive, informative and productive. Please do not hesitate to ask me or any of the TSC staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John Lannen, Executive Director



**The Truck Safety Coalition** is a partnership between **Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways (CRASH)** and **Parents Against Tired Truckers (PATT)**. The Truck Safety Coalition is dedicated to reducing the number of deaths and injuries caused by truck-related crashes, providing compassionate support to truck crash survivors and families of truck crash victims, and educating the public, policy-makers and media about truck safety issues.



**Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways (CRASH)** was formed in 1991 and is a nationwide, grassroots non-profit organization dedicated to improving overall truck safety in the U.S. and eliminating the senseless deaths and injuries caused by truck crashes every year. CRASH volunteers work at all levels of government to promote truck safety legislation including truck size and weight, truck driver fatigue, and vehicle maintenance. The goal of CRASH is to make safety as important as productivity in all U.S. trucking operations.



**Parents Against Tired Truckers (PATT)** was formed in 1994 in response to a devastating crash caused by a truck driver falling asleep at the wheel of his 80,000-pound rig and killing four innocent teenagers. PATT has grown from a grassroots group in Maine to a nationally recognized organization. PATT has been successful in bringing the fatigue issue to the forefront of truck safety policy discussions and continues to push for safer truck driver hours of service requirements and improved enforcement of truck safety laws, among other issues.