



# About Sorrow to Strength

Sorrow to Strength is specifically designed for survivors of truck crashes and the families/friends of those who have died or been injured. The conference allows us to come together for a weekend of sharing, remembrance, education and workshops to advance truck safety.

This year's conference comes at a critical crossroads, as the Senate has just passed a multi-year transportation authorization bill, and the House of Representatives is drafting their own bill. Trucking interests have been lobbying Congress to increase the federal truck size and weight limits while also continuing to push for other measures to rollback life-saving truck safety rules and laws. Additionally, the DOT released its Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study recommending no increases to current truck size and weight limits, citing profound data limitations.

Attached is a tentative agenda. The schedule of Capitol Hill meetings will be handed out during the advocacy session on Sunday. We have worked to try and ensure that you meet with as many members of your Congressional delegation and/or their legislative staff as possible. You may also be meeting with members who serve on Committees that will be debating bills pertaining to truck safety issues. There will be nothing as powerful as you sharing your personal story of how your life was dramatically impacted by the devastation of a preventable truck crash. You will personalize the dire need for stronger truck safety laws for the decision-makers on Capitol Hill. Trucking industry lobbyists are on Capitol Hill every day pushing their agenda - but according to Congressional staffers, Sorrow to Strength participants make a profound impact just by being there every other year.

The Truck Safety Coalition staff is here to help throughout the weekend. Please do not hesitate to ask them any questions you may have - from what an acronym stands for to how to navigate DC's Metro system (the Orange, Silver, and Blue lines both travel to the Rosslyn Metro, the station closest to the hotel).

We hope you will find Sorrow to Strength uplifting and empowering. After the conference concludes, we will be e-mailing everyone with a link to an online survey. Please let us know what you liked and if you think anything could have been better.

Thank you again for attending and adding your voice to this important debate on truck safety.