

WASHINGTON- Today U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary Peters released plans that would increase fuel efficiency standards for cars and light trucks. Her announcement will implement the Corporate Average Fuel Economy, or CAFÉ, reforms in last year's Energy Independence and Security Act (H.R. 6) which was signed into law by President Bush.

Thanks in large part to Congressman Terry's determination and dedication to move our nation towards increased energy independence, fuel efficiency standards will be making a huge step forward. The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 contains the CAFÉ standards created by Congressman Terry and Democratic Congressman Baron Hill.

**"What a great way to mark Earth Day than by raising fuel efficiency for cars and trucks. This plan will save billions of gallons of fuel and reduce carbon dioxide emissions for years to come. This is good for all Nebraskans, it gives consumers what they want and need, more miles per gallon without sacrificing car size. In addition to saving money at the gas pump it reduces our country's reliance on foreign oil and will preserve U.S. manufacturing jobs," said Congressman Terry.**

Fuel efficiency standards for cars and light trucks would increase by 4.5 percent per year over the five-year period ending in 2015. For cars the proposal would increase fuel economy from the current 27.5 miles per gallon to 35.7 miles per gallon by 2015 for light trucks the proposal calls for increases from 23.5 miles per gallon in 2010 to 28.6 miles per gallon in 2015. This is a 25 percent increase in fuel efficiency than required in H.R. 6. Under the new standards the U.S. will import 1.1 million fewer barrels of oil per day by 2020 than it does now. By 2030, the U.S. fuel imports will be reduced by 2.5 million barrels per day over today's level.



