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Moving Fuel More Efficiently

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Heating fuel is moving more efficiently through Vermont thanks to legislation written by Sen. Patrick Leahy. Signed into law by President Obama last month, the bill allows trucks weighing up to 99,000 pounds on interstates 89 and 91 in Vermont.

The ban made little sense, since the heavier trucks are allowed on state and local highways and on the Interstate in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. This forced tanker trucks to exit off the interstate at the border. The result was overweight truck traffic traveling through Vermont on some of the state's smaller roads, creating safety concerns since the heavier trucks must pass schools, hospitals and residential homes. This presented additional hazards for pedestrians, motorists and truck drivers themselves. The ban also strained the state's aging transportation infrastructure. Allowing heavier trucks on the Interstate will improve safety, reduce fuel consumption, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Vermont Fuel Dealers Association thanks Sen. Patrick Leahy for his efforts to change the law.

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