

# CAFE Fight

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*During the energy debate in Congress, **Mike successfully led the fight to defeat an amendment to increase the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standard.** The amendment offered to the energy legislation would have caused Daimler Chrysler and General Motors to close 18 plants, costing 100,000 Americans their jobs. According to General Motors, the proposed increase in light truck CAFE would put 7 plants in 5 states employing 38,000 UAW employees and 154,000 auto and supplier jobs at risk.*

*Given the dramatic downturn in the economy, our automotive industry stands as a symbol of American strength and patriotism. 2001 represented the second best year in history for U.S. auto sales. Why would we want to do anything to jeopardize this success? Mike strongly believes that fuel economy standards should be placed in the hands of the experts at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to decide how to achieve this savings in the most efficient and fair manner that doesn't cost American jobs, disrupt the U.S. economy or threaten vehicle safety.*

## What The New CAFE Standard Would Mean

- *18 Daimler Chrysler and General Motors Plant Closings*
- *100,000 American Jobs Lost*
- *38,000 UAW Jobs Lost at General Motors*
- *No Real Environmental Protection*
- *53,900 Increased Deaths On The Highways*