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Office of Management and Budget,

Mitch,

My wife, Nancy and I are in the process of finding some equity funding to start building our new RV-Campground in Central Virginia near Farmville. With the economy the way it is, it has been hard for us to locate a source for our dreams. I have been off work since December 18th. I have work in the Telephone Industry for almost 40 years, and this is the worst I've ever seen it. One of my questions is:

Can you provide any information to us about Government Grants or Loans that might assist us in getting our RV-Campground built and creating more jobs for our community?

Secondly, I would like to comment on what "CAFE" means for Recreation. Ever higher corporate average fuel economy standards (CAFE') can have significant impact on consumers, especially recreationists and families. Until technology is in place that makes higher standards practical for all size vehicles, increasing the standard places pressure on vehicle manufacturers to encourage consumers to purchase their most fuel efficient vehicles.

To encourage consumers to purchase more fuel efficient vehicles, manufacturers are likely to raise the prices of their larger vehicles, making it considerably more expensive for families and recreationists to purchase vehicles necessary to tow travel trailers of all sizes. It will even make family sized automobiles more expensive for the average family.

The smaller vehicles have less towing capacity, have less powerful engines, have less seating area for the average family, and offer fewer options such as four wheel drive, off-road packages and other mechanical and driving features. Obviously, these vehicles will be less useful for campers and families.

Smaller vehicles have also been shown in numerous studies to be less safe than larger ones.

The recreation community and recreationists need a wide variety of vehicle options in order to enjoy their recreational activities. Whether it's towing travel trailers, boat trailers, horse trailers, pop ups, ATV's, jet skis or any other recreation equipment, consumers vehicle choice will be curtailed or the cost increased if CAFE' standards are raised beyond the ability of technology to meet the higher goals at reasonable cost.

I urge you and your Colleagues to not to raise CAFE' standards for light trucks.

Pleas feel free *to* visit our Web Site at: www.cherokeeruncamp.com

Our best regards,

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Belknap