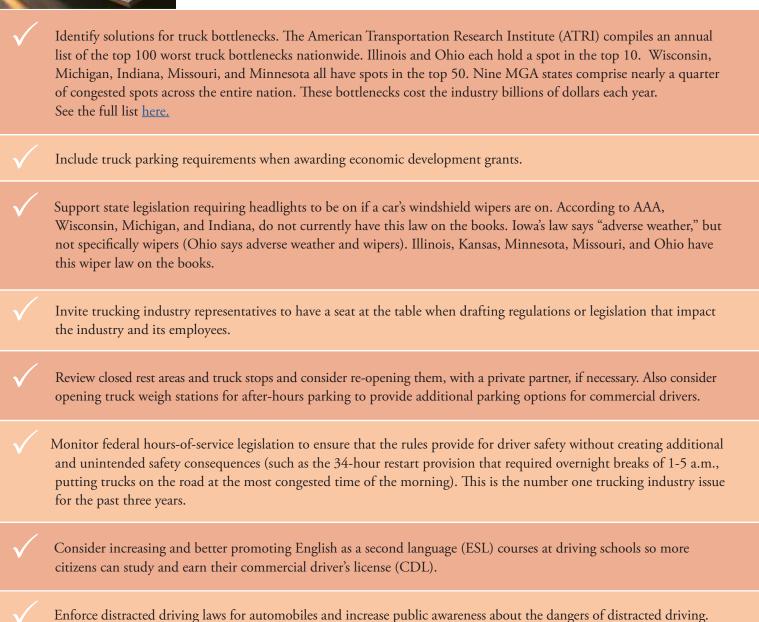


## TEN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATES TO HELP ADDRESS THE MIDWESTERN TRUCK DRIVER SHORTAGE



In May 2016, the MGA hosted its first Smartland Series discussion dedicated to the truck driver shortage in the Midwest. This meeting brought state staff together with trucking schools, associations, truck drivers, and industry for a productive discussion that resulted in recommendations to tackle this important issue.



Issue a proclamation in recognition of National Truck Driving Appreciation Week, September 11-17, 2016. In addition, consider participating in a ride-along, a truck driver celebration, or visiting a trucking company during the week. A toolkit of resources is available <a href="here.">here.</a>

to AAA, every MGA state except Missouri prohibits texting while driving across the entire state for every driver.

This is a growing problem that is causing insurance rates to increase across the board and costs lives every day. According

Promote truck driving as a career in high school vocational education classes and job training events and speeches.