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## Taking Aim At Drunk Drivers

(NAPSA)—It's time to make drunk driving prevention a top priority. That is the aim of Mothers Against Drunk Driving's (MADD) new federal legislative plan to significantly reduce alcohol-related traffic fatalities.

The proposed legislation, backed by MADD, would establish more funding for ongoing law enforcement efforts, such as sobriety checkpoints. It also encourages states to enact get-



**GETTING TOUGH**—New bills in Congress take aim at the rising tide of alcohol-related traffic crashes.

tough laws for “higher-risk” drunk drivers as a condition of receiving a full share of federal highway funds. MADD defines a “higher-risk” driver as a repeat drunk driving offender, a driver with a high blood-alcohol concentration, or someone driving on a suspended license from a prior DUI conviction.

Surveys show that 75 percent of the public support sobriety checkpoints to help combat drunk driving and 62 percent want sobriety checkpoints to be used more often.

For more information on proposed legislation and how to contact your elected representative, visit [www.madd.org](http://www.madd.org).