

# Info Alert

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Earlier today, the White House [announced](#) that they have [finalized new Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards \(CAFE\) standards](#). The standards, which would officially phase in starting in model year 2017, will increase fuel economy to the equivalent of 54.5 miles per gallon for cars and light-duty trucks by the 2025 model year, up from the 35.5 miles-per-gallon standard in place until 2016. Additionally, the administration projects that when these new standards are combined with previous standards set by the administration, consumers will save an estimated \$1.7 trillion in fuel costs. However, the new standards are also likely to reduce revenues for the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) going forward, as the HTF is primarily funded on sales of gasoline and diesel fuel.

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