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Schumer Report: Had CAFE Standards Been Raised Back in 2001, Upstate New York Drivers Would Have Consumed Nearly One Billion Fewer Gallons of Gasoline and Saved \$2.4 Billion By 2012

On the heels of last night's State of the Union Address, Senator Charles E. Schumer today announced his plan to overhaul national energy policy in the 110th Congress and released a new report showing that, had the federal government gradually increased Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards starting in 2001, upstate New York drivers would have consumed nearly one billion fewer gallons of gas, saving them more than \$2.4 billion by 2012. After this summer's dramatic spike in oil and gas prices, Schumer said that the federal government is years behind in improving fuel economy standards; the average car got better mileage in 1986, during the Reagan Administration, than it does now.

Drivers in the **Capital Region** would have consumed **138,546,658** fewer gallons of gasoline from 2001 to 2012 had CAFE standards been raised incrementally starting in 2001. This would have saved drivers **\$335,282,913**.

County	Current Annual Gas Consumption	Gallons of Gas Saved by Increasing CAFE Standards	Total Reduced Expenses on Gas by 2012
Albany	153,363,000	43,406,886	\$105,044,664
Fulton	22,907,000	6,483,451	\$15,689,952
Montgomery	40,129,000	11,357,856	\$27,486,012
Rensselaer	67,960,000	19,234,965	\$46,548,616
Saratoga	100,213,000	28,363,649	\$68,640,030
Schenectady	71,111,000	20,126,804	\$48,706,866
Schoharie	13,169,000	3,727,270	\$9,019,993
Washington	20,654,000	5,845,777	\$14,146,779
Capital Region Total	489,506,000	138,546,658	\$335,282,913

Drivers in **Central New York** would have consumed **122,596,846** fewer gallons of gasoline from 2001 to 2012 had CAFE standards been raised incrementally starting in 2001. This would have saved drivers **\$296,684,412**.

County	Current Annual Gas Consumption	Gallons of Gas Saved by Increasing CAFE Standards	Total Reduced Expenses on Gas by 2012
Onondaga	222,659,000	63,019,984	\$152,508,362
Oswego	59,069,000	16,718,513	\$40,458,802
Cortland	28,661,000	8,112,027	\$19,631,105
Madison	22,809,000	6,455,714	\$15,622,828
Oneida	99,955,000	28,290,626	\$68,463,315
Central New York Total	433,153,000	122,596,864	\$296,684,412

Drivers in the **Rochester -- Finger Lakes** region would have consumed **155,682,646** fewer gallons of gasoline from 2001 to 2012 had CAFE standards been raised incrementally starting in 2001. This would have saved drivers **\$376,752,004**.

County	Current Annual Gas Consumption	Gallons of Gas Saved by Increasing CAFE Standards	Total Reduced Expenses on Gas by 2012
Monroe	291,177,000	82,412,882	\$199,439,175
Cayuga	39,839,000	11,275,777	\$27,287,379
Livingston	40,093,000	11,347,667	\$27,461,355
Ontario	65,679,000	18,589,366	\$44,986,265
Schuyler	9,769,000	2,764,955	\$6,691,192
Seneca	18,764,000	5,310,843	\$12,852,240
Tompkins	36,217,000	10,250,629	\$24,806,522
Wayne	39,801,000	11,265,021	\$27,261,352
Yates	8,711,000	2,465,506	\$5,966,524
Finger Lakes Total	45,690,630	155,682,646	\$376,752,004

Drivers in the **Hudson Valley** would have consumed **228,867,783** fewer gallons of gasoline from 2001 to 2012 had CAFE standards been raised incrementally starting in 2001. This would have saved drivers **\$553,860,035**.

County	Current Annual Gas Consumption	Gallons of Gas Saved by Increasing CAFE Standards	Total Reduced Expenses on Gas by 2012
Westchester	242,003,000	11,504,468	\$27,840,812
Orange	149,564,000	34,894,933	\$84,445,737
Columbia	40,647,000	9,098,116	\$22,017,441
Dutchess	123,289,000	42,331,641	\$102,442,572
Greene	32,145,000	11,340,025	\$27,442,861
Putnam	40,066,000	15,724,499	\$38,053,288
Rockland	55,557,000	10,649,989	\$25,772,974
Sullivan	37,628,000	24,829,125	\$60,086,482
Ulster	87,725,000	68,494,987	\$165,757,868
Hudson Valley Total	808,624,000	228,867,783	\$553,860,035

Drivers in the **North Country** would have consumed **72,295,562** fewer gallons of gasoline from 2001 to 2012 had CAFE standards been raised incrementally starting in 2001. This would have saved drivers **\$174,995,261**.

County	Current Annual Gas Consumption	Gallons of Gas Saved by Increasing CAFE Standards	Total Reduced Expenses on Gas by 2012
Clinton	38,454,000	10,883,775	\$26,338,736
St. Lawrence	39,247,000	5,564,724	\$13,466,632
Warren	40,201,000	4,761,192	\$11,522,084
Essex	19,661,000	949,578	\$2,297,978
Franklin	16,822,000	8,723,945	\$21,111,948
Hamilton	3,355,000	15,530,338	\$37,583,418
Herkimer	30,823,000	3,395,554	\$8,217,242
Jefferson	54,871,000	11,108,221	\$26,881,894
Lewis	11,997,000	11,378,235	\$27,535,328
North Country Total	255,431,000	72,295,562	\$174,955,261

Drivers in the **Southern Tier** would have consumed **87,430,219** fewer gallons of gasoline from 2001 to 2012 had CAFE standards been raised incrementally starting in 2001. This would have saved drivers **\$211,581,131**.

County	Current Annual Gas Consumption	Gallons of Gas Saved by Increasing CAFE Standards	Total Reduced Expenses on Gas by 2012
Broome	104,813,000	4,676,565	\$11,317,286
Allegany	16,523,000	29,665,603	\$71,790,760
Chemung	34,389,000	9,733,243	\$23,554,449
Chenango	22,968,000	6,500,716	\$15,731,734
Delaware	24,926,000	7,054,896	\$17,072,849
Otsego	35,163,000	9,952,311	\$24,084,594
Steuben	49,595,000	14,037,053	\$33,969,668
Tioga	20,527,000	5,809,831	\$14,059,792
Southern Tier Total	308,904,000	87,430,219	\$211,581,131

Drivers in **Western New York** would have consumed **193,535,343** fewer gallons of gasoline from 2001 to 2012 had CAFE standards been raised incrementally starting in 2001. This would have saved drivers **\$404,852,409**.

County	Current Annual Gas Consumption	Gallons of Gas Saved by Increasing CAFE Standards	Total Reduced Expenses on Gas by 2012
Erie	367,985,000	104,152,129	\$252,048,152
Genesee	60,431,000	17,104,005	\$41,391,692
Niagara	67,155,000	19,007,123	\$45,997,238
Orleans	12,452,000	3,524,335	\$8,528,890
Wyoming	17,762,000	5,027,243	\$12,165,929
Cattaraugus	23,273,000	6,587,042	\$15,940,641
Chautauqua	42,018,000	11,892,507	\$28,779,867
Western NY Total	591,076,000	193,535,343	\$404,852,409