

“The *National Sheriffs’ Association Traffic Safety Committee* believes that this bill is vital to the efforts to prevent these crashes from occurring, first and foremost and also to lower roadway deaths, injuries, and property damage. . .

“This request is deeply personal to all of us and will protect our constituents on our roadways, protect our law enforcement officers and first responders, and lower deaths and injuries. “

*Sheriff Harold Eavenson, Pres., NSA*  
*Sheriff John Whetsel, Chair, Traffic Safety Committee*

Lois lost her precious daughter, Roya to a side underride crash on November 24, 2004. AnnaLeah and Mary Karth died due to a rear underride crash on May 4, 2013.

Their lives were snuffed out abruptly and needlessly -- disturbing examples of preventable tragedies which are repeated in the United States hundreds of times a year.

The facts and history of the truck underride carnage in the U.S. are senseless and negligent. Based on our personal experience, knowledge and consultation with experts, we have identified solutions which are necessary, appropriate, and practical to solve this deadly and preventable hazard.

On March 14, 2017, we attended a Senate hearing on truck safety. Not once was the side underride problem mentioned.

We were sick & tired of waiting so we drafted a bill, the *Roya, AnnaLeah and Mary Comprehensive Underride Protection Act of 2017 — RAMCUP* — now known as the **STOP Underrides! Bill** and introduced by Senators Gillitbrand & Rubio, Congressmen Cohen & DeSaulnier on December 12, 2017.

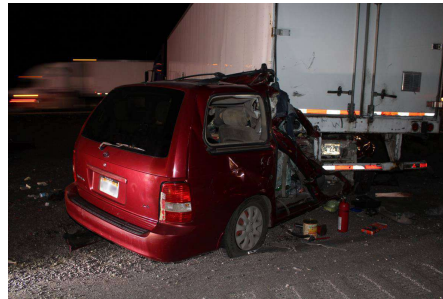
**Truck Crash Test Without Side Guard:**



**Truck Side Crash Test With Side Guard:**



**Crash into weak rear underride guard:**



**Crash Test with Improved Rear Underride Guard:**



The Best Possible Protection

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# **SUPPORT The STOP Underrides! Act of 2017**

**S.2219 & HR.4622**



Their deaths were preventable.

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## Underride Deaths 1994 – 2014 By Initial Impact on the Large Truck

Front: 625  
Side: 1,534  
Rear: 1,715  
Other/Unknown: 132  
TOTAL: 4,006 NHTSA, 2016

People are Dying Every Day from Preventable Death By Underride!

STATE	# Underride Deaths in 1994-2015*	STATE	# Underride Deaths in 1994-2015*
Alabama	76	Nebraska	31
Alaska	8	Nevada	27
Arizona	149	New Hampshire	5
Arkansas	101	New Jersey	74
California	426	New Mexico	51
Colorado	84	New York	64
Connecticut	14	North Carolina	80
Delaware	31	North Dakota	22
Florida	207	Ohio	265
Georgia	147	Oklahoma	68
Hawaii	1	Oregon	41
Idaho	34	Pennsylvania	319
Illinois	143	Rhode Island	8
Indiana	104	South Carolina	12
Iowa	100	South Dakota	17
Kansas	39	Tennessee	214
Kentucky	136	Texas	337
Louisiana	157	Utah	8
Maine	17	Vermont	15
Maryland	26	Virginia	23
Massachusetts	43	Washington	62
Michigan	36	West Virginia	35
Minnesota	46	Wisconsin	111
Mississippi	7	Wyoming	45
Missouri	113	American Samoa	?
Montana	22	DC	?

“It is anticipated that the proposed Standard will be amended, after technical studies have been completed, to extend the requirement for underride protection to the sides of large vehicles.”

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Wednesday, **March 19, 1969**

Every day  
**2**  
more people  
could die  
from  
**underride.**

Every week  
**12**  
more people  
could die  
from  
**underride.**

Every month  
**50**  
more people  
could die  
from  
**underride.**

Every year  
**600**  
more people  
could die  
from  
**underride.**

## The STOP Underrides! Act of 2017

This bill outlines standards and specifications for underride protection, including:

- Underride protection at the **rear** of large trucks.
- Underride protection on the **front** of trucks..
- Underride protection on the **sides** of trucks.
- Underride protection on **single unit trucks**.
- **Research** for best possible protection.
- Guidelines and enforcement for guard **maintenance** and repairs.
- **Committee On Underride Protection**.
- **Retrofit** of existing trucks.

2015 Passenger vehicle occupant fatalities in 2-vehicle crashes with tractor-trailers

Source: NHTSA FARS per IIHS

