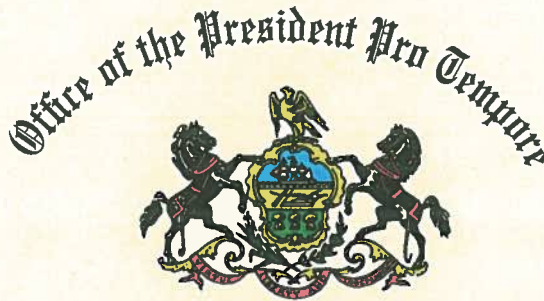


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Dear Representative Doyle:

On behalf of the 25th and 41st State Senatorial Districts, we request that no federal action be taken now to modify or increase truck size and weight limits. To do so before release, review and thorough discussion of the pending US Department of Transportation's Truck Size and Weight Study, as mandated by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, is both unnecessary and short circuits a complete understanding of the impacts to the roadway and road bridges across the Commonwealth.

According to 2014 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reports, Pennsylvania has a total of 9,420 of its roadway bridge structures that are considered either structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. This is over 41 percent of the total number of Pennsylvania bridges in the FHWA report. In 2013 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), along with local bridge owning authorities, added new weight restrictions or lowering existing weight restrictions on approximately 1,000 bridges statewide.

We appreciate that certain sectors of the trucking industry are seeking to boost their efficiencies, and profits, through a federal mandate for larger trucks. However, Congress should resist simply agreeing to such requests until the significant public safety and environmental impacts associated with such changes are fully understood and discussed. Also, a clear understanding of the costs of increase truck size and weight limits will impose on PennDOT and local government authorities should also be developed before implementing such changes.

For all these reasons, we ask that no truck size or weight legislation be included in the 2014 appropriations bill now under consideration in Congress.

Sincerely,

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