

May 15, 2018

The Honorable Bill Shuster
United States House of Representatives
Chairman, U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2251 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
United States House of Representatives
Ranking Member, U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2134 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio,

Our companies represent some of the largest truckload (TL's) carriers in the country. We, like many others in the transportation industry, are concerned with the rapid deterioration of America's infrastructure system. This year, Congress has the opportunity to pass a meaningful infrastructure package that will advance our transportation system and improve roadway conditions.

More than 122.5 million households and 7.5 million businesses in the U.S. depend on trucking to deliver goods and materials. We support policies that will allow for trucking companies to meet the rising demand of e-commerce. To that end, we do not oppose allowing for a five foot increase on the current twin 28' trailers.

Studies show that increasing the length of twin trailers from 28' to 33' would improve stability, reduce the number of collisions and enhance safety for all highway users. For instance, FedEx has been operative twin 33' trailers on the Florida Turnpike since 2010 resulting in ZERO accidents.

This safe and commonsense upgrade will immediately allow carriers and shippers to move more goods without putting additional trucks on the road or adding to already congested highways. Plus, this solution comes at no cost to the federal government or taxpayers. We cannot continue to throw money and at our broken infrastructure system in hopes it improves on its own. Modernizing outdated regulations to increase efficiency will attract private investment as companies upgrade their equipment and promote additional innovations.

Today's freight companies, along with the manufacturers and shippers that utilize them, are making smart investments in their workforce, new technologies, and existing equipment to ensure efficiency, sustainability and safety for all. We need the same forward-looking effort from our partners in federal, state, and local governments so all Americans have access to the full promise enabled by a modern transportation system.

Sincerely,

ANDRUS TRANSPORTATION
ARTUR EXPRESS
BRITE LOGISTICS
CARROLL FULMER

CELADON TRUCKING
CELERITAS FREIGHT SOLUTIONS
CONARD TRANSPORTATION
CRST VAN EXPEDITED
DOT-LINE TRANSPORTATION
EMPIRE
FEDEX CUSTOM CRITICAL
FEDEX GROUND
FEDEX SUPPLY CHAIN
FEDEX TRUCKLOAD BROKERAGE
FORWARD AIR
FREIGHT EXCHANGE OF NORTH AMER
GARNER TRUCKING
GARY TRANSPORT
HENDRICKSON TRUCK LINES
HILL BROTHERS
ITS LOGISTICS
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JM BOZEMAN
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LIPSEY LOGISTICS
LIPSEY TRUCKING
MARKET EXPRESS
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NIXA TRUCKING
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RAPID RESPONSE
RIVERSIDE TRANSPORT
SYFAN LOGISTICS
TCW, INC
TITAN TRANSFER
TOTAL BROKERAGE
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION OF MS
TRANSCO LINES
TRANSCO LINES BROKERAGE
TRANSPORT CORP OF AMERICA
TRUCKS, INC
US FREIGHTWAYS LOGISTICS
US XPRESS INC
US XPRESS LOGISTICS
UTXL
VENTURE LOGISTICS

cc: Members of the United States House of Representatives