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*"Police and Community Building Partnerships"*

October 3, 2024

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen  
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Dear Senator Van Hollen,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am reaching out to express my strong opposition to proposed increases in truck size and weight limits, specifically House Bills 3372 and 2948.

As law enforcement officers responsible for ensuring the safety and security of our community, we have significant concerns regarding the potential increase in truck size and weight limits. Larger and heavier trucks pose a higher risk of accidents due to their longer braking distances and reduced maneuverability. Such accidents could result in more severe injuries or fatalities, placing an additional burden on emergency response services and hospitals.

In addition, bigger trucks would require additional resources for enforcement and inspection to ensure compliance with regulations. We know from the Department of Transportation's 2016 study on this issue that heavier trucks have an 18% higher braking violation rate which leads to these vehicles being involved in crashes more often. Our department is already stretched thin with existing responsibilities, and the added burden of needing increased enforcement would strain our resources even further.

In light of these concerns, I strongly urge you to reconsider the proposed increase in truck size and weight limits. We believe that any decision regarding transportation regulations should prioritize the safety and well-being of the public – the "pilot project" proposed in HR 3372 would specifically put motorists at risk by increasing weights on commercial trucks to 91,000 pounds.

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