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October 3, 2024

The Honorable Christopher Van Hollen
United States Senate
110 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Van Hollen,

We are writing to you about legislation in Congress that seeks to increase truck weights on our roads. As representatives of the Town of Denton, we strongly oppose this legislation due to the significant negative impact it would have on our local infrastructure.

Even though the discussion of truck size and weight is often thought of as an issue on interstates, communities like Denton would be affected, especially since Maryland Routes 404, 313 and other state routes which all carry a high amount of truck traffic go through our community and increasing truck weights would only exacerbate the challenges we face.

Allowing heavier trucks on our roads would inevitably lead to accelerated wear and tear on the infrastructure that we, as taxpayers, have invested in over the years. Our roads and bridges are not designed to accommodate such heavy loads and subjecting them to increased weight would significantly shorten their lifespan, resulting in higher maintenance costs for our community. To make things worse, this proposed weight increase comes with no additional funding for our community to properly keep up with the accelerated maintenance schedule that we will be required to do.

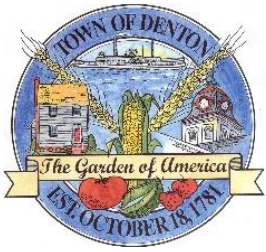
We respectfully request that you consider the broader implications and oppose the bill to increase truck weights. We believe that it is essential to protect the long-term sustainability and well-being of our community.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at sgetchell@dentonmaryland.com or (410) 479-2050.

Sincerely,

Scott W. Getchell, PO
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cc: Robert Bielunas, Coalition Against Bigger Trucks
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The Honorable Andy Harris
U.S. House of Representatives
1536 Longworth House
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Harris,

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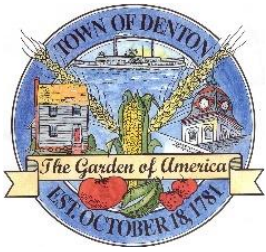
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United States Senate
509 Hart Senate Office Building
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