



Date: July 07, 2025
To: Mayor and Town Council
From: John Brock, Deputy Town Manager / Town Clerk
Re: Consideration and Approval: **Letter for Coalition Against Bigger Trucks**

Objective:

To present for Town Council consideration a request by Councilor David Miles to approve and send letters opposing federal legislation that would allow increased truck weight limits on interstates.

Summary:

The Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT) has requested that municipalities send letters opposing federal legislation aimed at increasing commercial truck weight limits on interstate highways. Councilor David Miles has brought this item forward for discussion and possible action. While the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills is not directly impacted by interstate traffic, CABT contends that heavier trucks would still affect local roads and infrastructure. Template letters addressed to Representative Daniel Webster and Senator Marco Rubio are provided for Council's consideration.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Town Council review the proposed letters and consider the broader implications of supporting opposition to increased truck weight limits. While the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills is not directly impacted by interstate trucking routes, the potential effect on local infrastructure and safety warrants consideration. However, staff also notes that local industry, including the juice processing facility within Town limits, may rely on efficient freight transport. Council may wish to weigh infrastructure concerns against the needs of local businesses before deciding whether to approve and transmit the letters.