



The Honorable Jason Crow  
United States House of Representatives  
1229 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Crow,

As the head of the Public Works Department in the City of Littleton, I wanted to express my concerns, shared by many of my staff, with proposals to allow heavier and bigger commercial trucks on a nationwide basis.

Even though we tend to think of “tractor-trailer trucks” as creatures of the Interstates, the fact is that commercial trucks have to use local roads and infrastructure in order to make deliveries, connect to warehouses, or detour around accidents and construction. The City of Littleton currently manages 350 lane-miles of public roadway and 38 major structures. Even with the sizes and weights of commercial trucks that are allowed today, many of our streets and roads and under enormous pressure from this type of heavy truck traffic, particularly our industrial and “big-box” areas of the city.

In 2016, the USDOT finished a comprehensive study of the issue of bigger trucks, ultimately recommending *against* raising truck weights on interstates and federal highways due to substantially increased bridge damage, pavement damage and higher crash rates. If “federal roads” like Interstates (which are built to higher standards) are not fit for these truck configurations, then they would certainly not appropriate for local roads.

Both proposals for longer and heavier trucks were defeated in 2015, but legislation for bigger trucks continued to be pushed on Capitol Hill. At a time when many cities are dealing with a backlog of road and bridge maintenance project, bigger trucks will only make this problem worse. I strongly urge your opposition if these proposals are voted on during the current Congress.

Thanks for your hard work in Washington, DC and consideration on this issue.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Reester".

Keith Reester  
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City of Littleton