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FW: Phone Call Request

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FYI

From: Matthew Muir [mailto:mmuir@cabt.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 11:35 AM
To: candace@ci.stevenson.wa.us
Subject: Phone Call Request

Dear Public Officials of Stevenson,

I am the Washington State Director for the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks, a national non-profit that works with local officials across the country in opposition to federal legislation that would allow for longer and heavier semi-trucks on your roads. ***I would like to request a quick 20 minute phone call at your convenience*** to discuss the impact bigger trucks would have on the public safety and infrastructure.

My only request will be that you consider adding your name to a letter opposing longer and heavier trucks. Our goal is to include the names of 1,000 local officials from across the country. Individuals participating include Mayors, Councilmembers, Administrators and Public Works Directors. **The letter can be viewed below. If you'd like to add your name, let me know.**

In 2015, we successfully defeated proposals at the federal level that would allow for longer double trailers and heavier trucks. We have been successful in our efforts thanks to the support of our state and national partners which include the **National League of Cities, American Public Works Association, US Conference of Mayors and the National Association of Towns and Townships**, along with **large portions of the Trucking industry**.

The reasons for this previous national defeat are compelling. In 2016 the USDOT strongly recommended against any changes in national truck size and weight regulations.

We work to maintain a balance between the needs of commerce, public safety and infrastructure. Increased truck size and weight disrupts that balance and damages our communities. More information can be viewed here: <https://cabt.box.com/v/information>

Please contact me if you are able to have a quick phone discussion by hitting reply or calling me directly at 248-303-0638.

Matthew Muir

Bigger Trucks: Bad for America's Local Communities

Dear Members of Congress,

Representing local communities and Americans across the nation, we are concerned about our transportation infrastructure. We strongly oppose proposals in Congress that would allow any increase

in truck length or weight—longer double-trailer trucks or heavier single-trailer trucks would only make our current situation worse.

Local communities and our residents are what drive this country. We work every day to make sure the needs and safety of our residents are met. Allowing heavier and longer trucks will most certainly set us back in our efforts. Much of our transportation infrastructure that connects people to jobs, schools and leisure is in disrepair, in part because local and rural roads and bridges are older and not built to the same standards as Interstates. Many of us are unable to keep up with our current maintenance schedules and replacement costs because of underfunded budgets.

The impacts of longer or heavier tractor-trailers would only worsen these problems. Millions of miles of truck traffic operate on local roads and bridges across the country, and any bigger trucks allowed on our Interstates would mean additional trucks that ultimately find their way onto our local infrastructure. Longer and heavier trucks would cause significantly more damage to our transportation infrastructure, costing us billions of dollars that local government budgets simply cannot afford, compromising the very routes that American motorists use every day.

On behalf of America's local communities and our residents, we ask that you oppose any legislation that would allow any increase in truck length or weight.

Sincerely,