



Parents Against Tired Truckers and Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways

“No!” to Truck Size and Weight Increases

2014

- 73% of Illinois residents and 77% of Missouri residents oppose increasing the national cap on truck weight from 80,000 to 97,000 pounds.

Source: SMART Heavy Truck Survey Series, March 2014

2013

- 68% of Americans are opposed to heavier trucks.
- 88% of Americans oppose increased taxes to pay for damage caused by heavier trucks.
Source: Lake Research Partners Poll, May 2013
- 75% of Kentucky residents oppose increasing the national cap on truck weight from 80,000 to 97,000 pounds.
- 78% of the residents of the Illinois 3rd District oppose increasing the national cap on truck weight from 80,000 to 97,000 pounds.
- 74% of the residents of the Indiana 4th District, the Pennsylvania 9th District, and the Missouri 8th District oppose increasing the national cap on truck weight from 80,000 to 97,000 pounds.
- 72% of the residents of Kansas 1st and 2nd District, the Iowa 3rd District, and the Colorado 4th District oppose increasing the national cap on truck weight from 80,000 to 97,000 pounds.

Source: SMART Heavy Truck Survey Series, March 2014

2011

- 74% of Americans oppose the trucking industry’s efforts to have Congress change the current law and allow heavier trucks on the roads.
Source: Lake Research Partners Poll, April 2011
- Nearly three quarters of registered voters oppose increasing the national cap on truck size from 80,000 to 97,000 pounds.

Source: Hart Research Associates, April 2011

2008

- 66% of Americans oppose changing the current law and allowing trucks carrying heavier loads on U.S. highways. *“Support for the measure is anemic (only 16% favor the efforts.) Opposition is deep and transcends gender, age, political identification, and region.”*
- Eight out of ten (82%) Americans feel trucks pulling double or triple trailers are more dangerous than those pulling just a single trailer.

Source: Lake Research Partners Poll, May 2008

2004

- By 77% to 16%, the public opposes increasing truck weight limits.
- 80% of Americans believe that trucks with two or more trailers are less safe than trucks with a single trailer.

Source: Lou Harris Poll, June 2004

1998

- By 71% to 21%, a majority of the American people are willing to pay higher prices for goods in exchange for tougher truck safety standards.

Source: Lou Harris Poll, April 1998

1996

- 88% of Americans oppose allowing bigger and heavier trucks on the highways.
- 80% are fully convinced that “trucks pulling two or more trailers are less safe than trucks pulling only one trailer.”

Source: Lou Harris Poll, May 1996

The facts are clear—for over a decade, the public has consistently and convincingly opposed big trucks. Stand with your constituents and stand up for trucking safety by opposing any increase to truck size and weight or “state option” in the surface transportation bill.