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There are efforts to increase truck size and weights in the multi-billion dollar transportation spending bill which Congress will debate this year. The current limit is 80,000 lbs. and there is a proposal to increase it to 97,000 lbs.

This change would result in more damage to our ailing infrastructure, further endanger motorists and truck drivers, and cause destruction to our environment at an expedited rate.

We urge Congress to keep the current federal truck size and weight limits and not allow any increases, including any special interest pilot projects or exemptions.

 Every year approximately **5,000 people are killed in large truck crashes** in our country, including approximately 800 truck drivers. An additional more than 100,000 people are injured.

 The chances of a big truck crash resulting in **deaths and serious injuries increase with each extra ton of weight over the 80,000 lb. limit.**

 A **100,000 lb. truck takes 25% longer to stop** than an 80,000 lb. truck. Overweight trucks are also more prone to roll over in crashes and result in more damage.

 Our infrastructure is in need of urgent repair. More than one in four of the nation's **bridges are either structurally deficient or functionally obsolete**, and one-third of our major roads are in **poor or mediocre condition.**

 Poor road conditions cost motorists **\$67 billion a year** in repairs and operating costs. **Heavier trucks will only make a horrendous condition worse** by doing even more damage to bridges and roads at a quickened rate.

 One legal 80,000 lb. tractor-trailer does **as much damage to road pavement as 9,600 cars.**

 Even after several increases to the sizes and weights of large trucks, the number of trucks on U.S. highways has consistently **grown over the past few decades.**

 Heavy trucks are **highly energy-inefficient** users of diesel fuel.

 Increasing gross truck weight **contributes little to overall freight transportation productivity.**

 Multiple polls have shown that, across all demographics, an overwhelming majority of **Americans have opposed increases to truck sizes and weights.**

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