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The Honorable Roy Blunt
United States Senate
260 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Claire McCaskill
United States Senate
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Blunt and McCaskill:

One of the issues currently before the Senate is whether or not states should be forced to allow truck tractors pulling twin 33-foot trailers or the so-called "FedEx Double 33s" onto their highways.

As you are aware, the state of Missouri does not allow trucks of this size on our roads. I strongly believe that states should determine whether or not to allow these longer trucks on their highways. I therefore oppose any effort that would preempt the state of Missouri from making this critical public safety decision.

As you are aware, Missouri is facing a number of challenges regarding our transportation infrastructure. Our roads and bridges are deteriorating at an alarming rate. Increasing truck size and weight limits has the potential to exacerbate these challenges and should be delayed until the public safety and environmental impacts are fully understood and discussed. Also, a clear understanding of the costs that increased truck size and weight limits will impose on MoDOT and local governmental authorities should be developed before implementing such changes.

Until these critical public safety and infrastructure costs concerns are addressed, I oppose any legislation mandating twin 33-foot long trailers on Missouri highways.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Nixon".

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor