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The Honorable John Hickenlooper
United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hickenlooper,

We recently learned of continued discussions in Congress to push through legislation that would effectively raise the maximum weights of large commercial trucks to 91,000 pounds – a significant 12% weight increase (HR 3372). There have also been proposals to allow longer double-trailer trucks on interstates and state roads.

We are asking Congress to hold the line on leave truck size and weight regulations due to the impact to local infrastructure and public safety. Bigger trucks wouldn't just be limited to interstates – they end up on local roads to make deliveries, reach warehouses, and sometimes use alternate routing.

As we continue our road maintenance projects throughout the city, including our next phase of asphalt and concrete patching to streets, we are keeping in mind the various sources of deterioration, and heavy trucks (along with weather conditions), are a significant factor. In 2016, the US Department of Transportation concluded that that there would be a very high price tag associated with allowing heavier and longer trucks on the road – it could cost between \$1.2-\$1.8 billion dollars in additional repairs or replacement to *interstate* pavement alone. If we factor in pavements under state or local jurisdiction that endure semi-truck traffic, that number would increase tenfold and would leave cities like Fort Lupton footing the bill.

We understand that these proposals are being lobbied heavily yet again even though both proposals failed in 2015, with members of both parties opposing bigger trucks. Both the National Association of Counties (NACO) and the National League of Cities (NLC) have opposed these types of truck size and weight increases without any guaranteed, direct-to-locality funds to make up for the increased damage.

We strongly support the trucking industry and understand its key role in our national logistics strategy. However, permanent increases in truck size and weight is not the answer. We hope that you will oppose bills such as HR 3372 that include national truck size or weight increases.

Respectfully,

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The Honorable Michael Bennet
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The Honorable Yadira Caraveo
United States House of Representatives
1024 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Representative Caraveo,

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