



## **CITY OF SOLANA BEACH**

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RE: Opposing California Sustainable Action Freight Plan On Allowing Heavier Tractor Trailer Trucks

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the City Council and City of Solana Beach (City) in regards to the California Sustainable Freight Action Plan allowing heavier tractor trailers and increasing trailer range size. The City opposes this recommendation being included in the Sustainable Freight Action Plan that is set to be delivered to Governor Brown.

We oppose any state or national effort to increase truck size and weight because such increases would endanger motorists, damage state and local roads, and increase costs to motorists and taxpayers.

California's congressional delegation overwhelmingly opposed several proposals in Congress in 2015 that called for increases in truck size and weight. Proposals for longer and heavier trucks were ultimately defeated in Congress last year, in part due to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Technical Reports published in June of 2015 that recommended against any increase in truck size and weight. The reports found alarmingly higher crash rates for heavier trucks, longer stopping distances for longer trucks, and increased infrastructure damage from both heavier and longer trucks.

For these reasons, the City of Solana Beach respectfully requests that this recommendation not be included in the Sustainable Freight Action Plan delivered to Governor Brown. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Zito', is written over a white background.

David Zito  
Mayor  
City of Solana Beach