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Senator Transportation Committee
SB17

Dickinson County Commissioners are writing to request that you oppose any legislation or amendments that create exceptions to weight limits for vehicles used for haulers of grain and other agriculture goods to increase the weight of trucks. These suggestions pose a significant threat to the safety of motorists and our infrastructure.

Our residents rely on I-70 and our network of county roads every day to travel the region and would face increased risks traveling alongside these extra-heavy trucks. Additionally, several routes in our major cities have pass-through traffic accessing the interstate. There are 359 locally owned bridges in the county, 23 of which are in poor condition. The added safety risks and infrastructure damage would be a major setback in our efforts to maintain safe and effective roads.

Additionally, heavier trucks pose a significant risk to motorists' safety. The larger and heavier the truck, the more difficult it is to stop and maneuver, making accidents more likely. Moreover, these trucks would be more likely to cause damage in the event of a crash, leading to more severe injuries and fatalities. Limited state testing has shown that heavier configurations had crash rates that were 47-400% higher than standard 80,000-pound trucks.

We oppose any legislation or amendments that would permit an increase in truck weight limits.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this crucial matter.

Sincerely,

Lynn Peterson
County Commissioner

Ron Roller
County Commissioner

Kenny Roelofsen
County Commissioner