



OneRail Coalition Statement on Truck Size and Weight Increases:

The OneRail Coalition concurs with the U.S. DOT's conclusion in June 2015, based on its MAP-21 Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study, that *"current data limitations are so profound"* in predicting the impacts of federal truck size and weight limits that ***"no changes in the relevant truck size and weight laws and regulations should be considered until these data limitations are overcome."***

Consequently, the OneRail Coalition opposes legislation to increase federal limits on truck weights from 80,000 to 91,000 pounds, which would further stress the nation's already struggling and underfunded roads and bridges. At a time when state and local transportation departments are straining to meet infrastructure maintenance demands for the foreseeable future, actions that will accelerate highway damage and costs by diverting freight traffic from privately funded railroads to publicly subsidized roads and putting heavier trucks on those roads are not in the national interest. Further, actions that would divert freight traffic from the railroads to the nation's highways would add to highway congestion, fuel consumption, and harmful emissions. Finally, any diversion of freight from rail to truck would likely diminish railroad resources available to invest in maintenance and capacity and therefore have negative impacts on the intercity passenger rail and commuter rail services that depend on freight rail infrastructure.

About the OneRail Coalition:

OneRail is a diverse group of rail stakeholders who have come together to educate America about the benefits of a strong freight and passenger rail system. Our members include the American Association of Private Railroad Car Owners (**AAPRCO**), American Public Transportation Association (**APTA**), American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (**ASLRRA**), **Amtrak**, Association of American Railroads (**AAR**), Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (**BLET**), Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees (**BMWE**), Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen (**BRS**), International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers – United Transportation Union (**SMART-UTU**), National Association of Railroad Passengers (**NARP**), National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association (**NRC**), Railway Supply Institute (**RSI**), States for Passenger Rail Coalition (**S4PRC**), Surface Transportation Policy Partnership (**STPP**), Sheet Metal Workers International Association (**SMWIA**), and the Transportation Communications International Union/International Association of Machinists (**TCU/IAM**).

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