



# Illinois State Association of Counties

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The Honorable Jonathan Jackson  
United States House of Representatives  
1220 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Jackson:

On behalf of the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) and the county governments we represent, I write to express our strong opposition to provisions in the pending federal surface transportation reauthorization bill that would authorize a pilot program allowing trucks weighing up to 91,000 pounds to operate on Interstate highways.

ISACo is concerned that increasing federal truck weight limits would accelerate deterioration of county roads and bridges, create additional maintenance and replacement costs, and place further strain on local governments that already face significant infrastructure funding challenges. These costs would be borne primarily by county taxpayers.

Although the proposal would require a sixth axle and participation by states would be voluntary, the increased weight would nevertheless have downstream impacts on local transportation systems. Illinois counties are responsible for maintaining thousands of miles of roads and bridges. Any policy that increases infrastructure demands should include a thorough assessment of its impact on local governments and provide adequate funding to address those costs.

The National Association of Counties (NACo), along with numerous transportation and local government organizations, has voiced opposition to this proposal. ISACo shares these concerns and respectfully urges Congress to reject provisions authorizing heavier trucks and to maintain the current federal weight limit of 80,000 pounds.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns and for your continued support of county governments and the residents they serve. Please do not hesitate to contact ISACo if we can provide additional information or be of assistance as Congress considers surface transportation reauthorization.

Respectfully,

Joe McCoy  
Executive Director  
Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo)