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RESOLUTION 2025-6

WESTFALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OPPOSING FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO INCREASE TRUCK SIZE AND WEIGHT LIMITS

WHEREAS, Westfall Township is a small community in Northeast Pennsylvania, intersected by key freight routes and increasingly exposed to high volumes of commercial truck traffic; and

WHEREAS, current federal proposals would allow for an increase in truck weight limits to 91,000 pounds and the legalization of 91-foot “Double 33” tractor-trailers, far exceeding the dimensions and design loads our local infrastructure was ever intended to bear; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Westfall Township are already paying the price for the status quo — shouldering the burdens of road degradation, increased maintenance costs, and the growing risk of serious traffic collisions involving large trucks; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation’s own findings have confirmed that longer and heavier trucks are more difficult to control, stop, and safely operate, and concluded not to advise any changes to federal truck size or weight regulations; and

WHEREAS, local governments like Westfall Township have not received — and will not receive — any federal funding to repair the damage these larger vehicles will cause to locally maintained roadways, bridges, signage, and intersections; and

WHEREAS, this proposal is nothing short of a thinly veiled corporate giveaway to massive shipping companies, designed to prioritize their profits over the safety, infrastructure, and financial sustainability of America’s towns and townships; and

WHEREAS, Westfall Township has seen firsthand the damage inflicted by today’s commercial trucks and has yet to see the full funding to properly address it - we categorically reject these proposals that only stand to worsen the problem; and

WHEREAS, the **Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs**, the **Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors**, the **Pennsylvania Municipal League**, and nearly every major law enforcement and public safety group in the state stand together in opposition to these reckless proposals – and we join them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Westfall Township:

1. **Westfall Township vehemently opposes** any legislation that would increase the allowable size or weight of commercial tractor-trailers operating on our roadways.
2. **Westfall Township urges our elected members of Congress to publicly oppose and vote against** any such legislation, including but not limited to pilot programs, weight limit increases, or trailer length extensions.
3. **Westfall Township calls on other townships, boroughs, and cities across Pennsylvania** to stand with us and demand that Congress put public safety, infrastructure integrity, and local government sustainability ahead of corporate profit.
4. A copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to U.S. Senators John Fetterman and Dave McCormick, Representative Robert Bresnahan, the Governor of Pennsylvania, and the leadership of the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

ADOPTED this 7th day of July, 2025, by the Westfall Township Board of Supervisors, Pike County, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST:

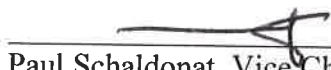


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