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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
U.S. House of Representatives
2134 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman DeFazio,

On behalf of the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce and the Douglas County businesses we represent, we respectfully request, as Chair of House Transportation & Infrastructure, you work with your colleagues in Congress to update the national twin-trailer standard from 28 feet to 33 feet.

As you know, the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce's priority is to promote, protect and advocate for Roseburg and Douglas County businesses. The chamber is a coalition of businesses of all types and sizes joining together to create a strong local economy, promote business and our community, provide networking opportunities and represent businesses through political action.

Those businesses rely on an efficient transportation infrastructure system and, as you are well aware, the state of that infrastructure in Oregon and the nation is lacking. We greatly appreciate and respect your continued advocacy and support in Congress for transportation infrastructure fixes and dollars.

Modernizing our transportation policies is a crucial and necessary component to fix our crumbling infrastructure system. By allowing the five foot extension to (from 28 feet to 33 feet), freight can be moved with 15.7 percent fewer trucks on our nation's roads and highways.

This shift to Twin 33-foot trailers would also reduce congestion, decreasing total travel delay time by 53.2 million hours. Furthermore, a modest increase of five feet to each twin trailer would increase shipping efficiency and reduce shipping costs by \$2.6 billion.

Many of our Douglas County businesses would be able to ship more goods with fewer trucks on the road, resulting in lower shipping costs. The benefits of this policy will cut both ways. As coastal communities rely on trucking to deliver key goods from major transportation hubs to our region, lower shipping costs will also benefit our residents and businesses on the consumer end.

Twin 33-foot trailers are currently allowed to operate on certain highways in 20 states and have traveled millions of miles safely. This standard can be implemented at no cost to taxpayers or government, while bringing a positive impact to our economy.



To advocate for and be the voice of the business community in the greater Roseburg area.

To strengthen, enhance and protect our members through political advocacy, economical development, community promotion and member programs and services.

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Adapting Twin 33-foot trailers is a common-sense solution that will benefit businesses across Oregon and the nation. We ask that you consider Twin 33-foot trailers as part of the solution to our crumbling infrastructure system.

Thank you for your consideration. As always, thank you for your commitment and service to the citizens of Oregon.

Best regards,

ROSEBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Debra L. Fromdahl", written in a cursive style.

Debra L. Fromdahl, IOM
President & CEO