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Honorable Members of the United States House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations:

The Truckload Carriers Association (TCA) strongly opposes any amendment increasing trailer lengths from 28' double trailers to 33' double trailer combinations. This is a very controversial topic that has significantly divided the trucking industry.

TCA is the only national trade association whose sole focus is the truckload segment of the trucking industry. As a major part of an industry consisting of over 524,000 companies operating millions of power units within the United States, the TCA and its trucking-company members remain consistently focused on issues that could have a dramatic effect on the freight transportation methods currently practiced on our interstates.

This proposed mandate, which overrides the rights of states, will allow the supply chain to force truckload carriers to switch from single 53' trailers to double 33' trailers, due to their increased cubic capacity. There are more effective ways to meaningfully improve industry productivity.

As the trucking industry continues to support America through its commitment to deliver freight and provide jobs to citizens nationwide, TCA urges you to oppose the Twin 33-foot trailer configuration and to find a freight productivity solution that will help to support all segments of an industry that has proven to be the backbone of the U.S. economy.

Sincerely,

John Lyboldt
President