SCORT DC Meeting
February 18, 2016
2015 Another record year for rail freight safety?
2015: A Landmark year for rail freight federal legislation

- FAST Act
- Short Line Tax Credit
- PTC Extension
- TSW...
- ...twice
June 18, 2015

The Honorable Susan Collins  
United States Senate  
413 Dirksen Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed  
United States Senate  
728 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Collins and Reed,

The undersigned transportation companies serve the nation’s economy by employing tens of thousands of people throughout the United States, who deliver everything from raw materials, to food, to medicine—every day.

We are writing to urge you and your colleagues on the Senate Appropriations Committee to oppose an amendment in the transportation budget. This amendment would force states to accept double 33' trailers on all U.S. highways. The trucking industry is deeply divided on this issue.

This measure would have a negative impact on highway safety, accelerate wear and tear on the nation’s highway system, and make it very difficult for small trucking companies, which are the heart of our industry, to compete. There has not been sufficient dialogue around this measure to truly understand the unintended consequences it would have.

Further, the U.S. Department of Transportation has just released a long-awaited comprehensive study on truck size and weight limits. The report concluded that no changes in the relevant truck size and weight laws should be considered at this time.

We would be happy to personally visit with you and your colleagues further, on the reasons why this amendment should not be adopted. Thank you for your public service to the United States.

The Undersigned:

Paul Will  
CEO  
Celadon Trucking  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Don Orr  
President  
Central Transport  
Waco, Texas

David Parker  
President and CEO  
Covenant Transport  
Chattanooga, TN

Tonn Ostergard  
President and CEO  
Cretex Carrier Corp  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Don Bowman  
Chairman  
D.M. Bowman  
Hagerstown, Maryland

Reggie Dupre  
CEO  
Dupre Logistics  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Steve Gordon  
President  
Gordon Trucking  
Pacific, Washington

Mike Gerdin  
Chairman and CEO  
Heartland Express  
North Liberty, Iowa

D.M. Bowman  
Chairman  
JB Hunt Transport  
Lowell, Arkansas

Reggie Dupre  
CEO  
KLLM Transport  
Jackson, Mississippi

Kevin Knight  
Chairman  
Knight Transportation  
Phoenix, Arizona

Charles Hammel  
President  
PITT OHIO  
Pittsburgh, PA

Dan Cushman  
President and CEO  
PAM Transport  
Tontitown, AR

Dave Daniels  
President and CEO  
May Trucking Co  
Salem, Oregon

Jerry Moyes  
Founder and CEO  
Swift Transportation  
Phoenix, Arizona

Robert A. Peiser  
Chairman  
USA Truck  
Van Buren, Arkansas

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Appropriations
Railroads experiencing a “Wendy’s Moment”

“Where is the Beef?”

“Where is the Traffic?”
2016 will likely be a challenging year

The industry is strong and better prepared than in the past to weather a difficult economic period