

The Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT), and organization we have supported for several years, and which is supported on the federal level by NAPO, has asked us to post the following on NYSAP's website:

Stop Heavy Trucks from Becoming Bigger

Bills to freeze the size and weight of trucks on our highways have been introduced in Congress. However, the outcome is up to us as opponents of that measure have countered with their own bill that would allow bigger and heavier trucks on highways across the nation.

As any motorist knows, our highways are congested enough. The last thing we need is heavier and bigger trucks. Yet, that is exactly what powerful Washington, DC lobbyists for the nation's biggest trucking companies are trying to get. Just this year Florida and Ohio changed state law to allow trucks heavier than 80,000 pounds (the federal limit) on state and local roads. Also, 16 states now allow triple-trailer trucks that stretch 110 feet.

What you need to know:

- Law enforcement, local governments, small businesses, environmental groups and labor organizations representing truck drivers oppose these increases.
- These measures are being pushed by large, powerful corporations that want bigger trucks.
- Longer, heavier trucks consume more fuel and emit more pollution.
- They create more traffic congestion due to their size and weight and the amount of time it takes for them to move after stopping.

Become involved in halting the tide of bigger and heavier trucks. The Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT), a national non-profit, grassroots organization is leading the public campaign against truck size and weight increases. To learn more or to get involved in our fight, please contact our regional director, Paul Schipul, at 703-535-3131 or pschipul@cabt.org.