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Honorable James Oberstar
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Honorable Peter DeFazio
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Honorable John Duncan
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Dear Chairmen Oberstar and DeFazio and Ranking Members Mica and Duncan:

We are writing to ask that you include H.R. 2156, introduced by Congressman Paul Tonko, known as Jason's Law, in the transportation Authorization bill that you will be asking the members of House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to consider in the coming weeks.

The shortage of safe and secure truck rest areas continues to be a problem in major traffic corridors throughout the country. While provisions dealing with the truck parking issue were contained in SAFETEA-LU, they were not supported by adequate funding. We hope you will give serious consideration to the level of funding sought by Congressman Tonko which is \$20,000,000 annually for the life of the next Authorization bill. This amount should allow a meaningful pilot program to finally move forward.

While there are a number of steps that need to be taken to deal with the problem of driver fatigue and the degree to which it contributes to truck crashes, adequate and safe truck rest areas should be given the highest priority.

Sincerely,

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