

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

Subject: Oppose Legislation, SB 1383 – Commissioners Court

On **May 8, 2017**, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in **regular session** with the following members present and participating, to wit:

**Keith Self
Susan Fletcher
Cheryl Williams
Chris Hill
Duncan Webb**

**County Judge, Presiding
Commissioner, Precinct 1
Commissioner, Precinct 2
Commissioner, Precinct 3
Commissioner, Precinct 4**

During such session the court considered adoption of the following resolution opposing SB 1383, relating to the operation of 90,000 lb. vehicles transporting fluid (milk), in addition to any other legislation or amendments intended to increase statewide weight restrictions on county roads.

Whereas, local county roads are generally constructed to a 54,000 lb. weight standard; and,

Whereas, just one 80,000 lb. truck does as much damage to a road as 9,600 passenger vehicles, and further increasing the weight limit to 90,000 lbs. results in a 42% increase in road wear, reducing the life of a road designed to last 20 years to a mere 7 years; and

Whereas, current permit fees for OS/OW vehicles are collected and retained by the state, while the value of recycled materials available through the County Assistance Program (CAP) program is grossly out of proportion to the damage done by OS/OW vehicles to local county roads and bridges; and

Whereas, in contrast to the fiscal note on SB 1383, this legislation further burdens local taxpayers by failing to provide adequate funding to repair associated damages to county roads and bridges, with 85% of the permit fees being retained by the state; and,

Whereas, creating a local variance (of any kind) is frequently a precursor to an overall change in policy statewide; and,

Whereas, the transportation of milk, and other liquids, may still be achieved with far less damage to local county roads by continuing to utilize trucks with lower, less-damaging load capacities; and,

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the dairy industry, and any other industry, to adjust their business models, margins and practices to comply with current local and statewide weight restrictions, rather than shifting the burden of additional road maintenance responsibilities to Texas taxpayers; and,

Whereas, county officials rely on state legislators to take appropriate measures to stop unfunded mandates, which in-turn, require raising additional local tax revenue; and,

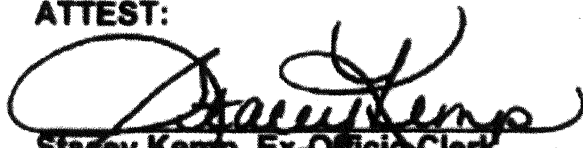
Whereas, a 2013 public opinion poll by Lake Research Partners found that 88% of Americans do not want to pay higher taxes caused by the damage of heavier trucks; and,

Now, Therefore, the members of the Collin County Commissioners Court oppose the passage of SB 1383, and any related legislation or amendments allowing for the local or statewide expansion of OS/OW permits.

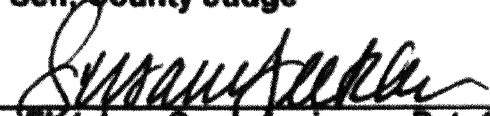
Passed and approved on the 8th day of May, 2017.



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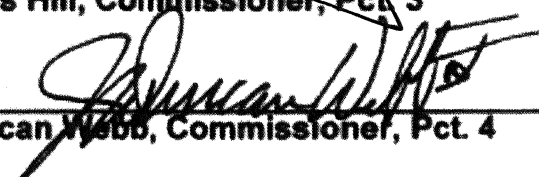

Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk
Commissioners Court
Collin County, T E X A S


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