

**RESOLUTION**  
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**OPPOSING TRUCK SIZE OR WEIGHT INCREASE**

**WHEREAS**, the primary responsibility of the Borough of Gettysburg, Borough Council is to serve as the legislative body of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Gettysburg is concerned for the health, welfare and safety of the Borough's residents and the conditions of its infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the main thoroughfare of the Borough of Gettysburg is US Route 30, the first trans-continental highway, which experiences heavy amounts of truck traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, bigger and heavier trucks cause greater acceleration of the deterioration of the Borough's highways, roads and bridges, putting further pressure on local taxpayers to fund infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania has 5,050 bridges that are rated as structurally deficient and 4,388 that are rated as functionally obsolete as of 2014, according to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); and

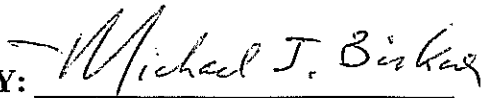
**WHEREAS**, over 60 percent of Pennsylvania's roadways are in poor or fair condition and today's heavy truck operations accelerate the deterioration of road surfaces and bridges but only repay approximately 80 percent of the damage they cause; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing heavier and longer trucks to operate would add new costs and proposed 97,000-pound trucks would only repay 50 percent of the damage they cost; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing truck weights would further compromise the safety of motorists and the quality of roads and bridges; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Gettysburg, Borough Council opposes any increase in truck size or weight.

**BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG**

BY:   
**Michael J. Birkner**  
**President of Borough Council**

Attest:

  
**Sara L. Stull, Borough Secretary**