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Kris Kolluri, Commissioner
NJ Department of Transportation
PO Box 601
1035 Parkway Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Commissioner Kolluri:

On behalf of the Montgomery Township Committee, I write to object in the strongest possible terms to DOT's proposal to designate Rt. 206 through Montgomery as part of the New Jersey truck access network, allowing large (102") trucks and double trailers to travel Route 206 through Montgomery, Princeton Township and Borough, and Lawrence.

Rt. 206 through Montgomery Township (and into the towns south of Montgomery) is a two-lane road that is totally unsuitable and inappropriate for designation as part of an interstate truck route.

In the north end of the Township, 206 is a dangerous stretch of road with high-accident intersections; a hairpin turn over the CSX railroad tracks that is the scene of many additional accidents (see attached accident report); historic structures close to the road and vulnerable to damage from rumbling heavy trucks; and two bridges that are seriously deteriorated and slated for replacement by DOT.

In the southern area of Montgomery, Rt. 206 is heavily congested and, in places, poorly maintained by DOT; the road is very bumpy, contributing to noise pollution and unsafe driving conditions.

Much of Rt. 206 through Montgomery is a Safe Corridor. These big trucks would severely undermine the public health, safety and quality of life of Montgomery residents and those who travel Rt. 206 through our Township. Air quality also would be further compromised.

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Montgomery Township, Princeton Township, Princeton Borough and Lawrence Township all vigorously and unequivocally oppose designating this historic corridor as part of the New Jersey access network for large trucks. Please revise the proposed rules to disallow these large trucks on Rt. 206 between Hillsborough Township and I-295.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Louise Wilson, Mayor

on behalf of the Montgomery Township Committee:

Cecilia Xie Birge, Deputy Mayor
Mark Caliguire, Committeeman
John Warms, Committeeman
Brad Fay, Committeeman

Attachment

c: Princeton Township Committee
Princeton Borough Mayor and Council
Hopewell Township Committee
Hopewell Borough Mayor and Council
Lawrence Township Committee
Rocky Hill Borough Mayor and Council
US Representative Rush Holt
Senator Shirley Turner
Senator Walter Kavanaugh
Assemblyman Kip Bateman
Assemblyman Pete Biondi
Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman
Assemblyman Reed Gusciora
Senate Transportation Committee
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