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The Honorable John Gard
Speaker, Wisconsin State Assembly
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RE: CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 05-060 AFFECTING CH. TRANS 276, WIS. ADMIN. CODE

Gentlemen:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation hereby withdraws **CR 05-060** which proposed to amend s. Trans 276.07(11) and (24), Wis. Admin. Code, relating to allowing the operation of double bottoms and certain other combination vehicles ("long trucks") on specified highways.

Clearinghouse Rule 05-060 was proposed to designate STH 50 from IH 43 to USH 12, and STH 175 from CTH P South of Theresa to STH 60 as long truck routes. The Department held a public hearing on July 15, 2005 at its Southeast Regional office in Waukesha. A number of city and village officials whose cities or villages would be affected by designation of the proposed routes requested voiced objection to the rules.

The proposed long truck route through Lake Geneva generated extensive criticism. Lake Geneva Business Park noted that use of highway 50 as proposed, in addition to being incongruous with the City's tourist image, takes 10 minutes more time than the currently permitted route and involves significantly more stopping and starting at 7 more traffic lights (and one more stop sign) than using the freeway. The City and its Chamber of Commerce also commented that the route was unnecessary and would be disruptive to the City. Because of the availability of an adequate, faster and safer alternative route, the Department is withdrawing the proposed rule to designate highway 50 through Lake Geneva as a long truck route.

The proposed long truck route along STH 175 between STH 60 in Washington County and CTH P in Dodge County is also, in the Department's view, inappropriate for long truck traffic. The Department received comments from the Village of Slinger objecting to double bottom trucks passing through the village. More importantly, however, the geometrics of the highway are less than ideal for long trucks and the route is closely paralleled by USH 41, which is designed and intended for long truck traffic. Because USH 41 provides faster and safer means of travel in the area in question, the Department will not designate this segment of STH 175 as a long truck route.

Accordingly, the Department has decided that designation of these highway segments for use by long trucks is not in the public interest and is now formally withdrawing the proposed rule, pursuant to s. 227.14(6)(b), Stats.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Sobotik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "S".

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