

Statement from Jim Riley, Riley & Associates:

“Contrary to Mr. Larkin’s assertions, S1117 does exactly what he says it does not. S1117 places highway safety and protections for roads and bridges first, by requiring high engineering standards be met prior to qualifying any Idaho highways for modern trucking. Moreover, S1117 gives absolute oversight to the ITD and counties, cities, and highway districts to allow, or not, higher capacity trucks on the roads they oversee. Perhaps the real story here is the Virginia based Coalition Against Big Trucks which seems to be fomenting much of the fear-mongering over trucks in north Idaho. This coalition’s funding comes from the national railroads. Railroads asking our government to oppose Idaho trucking companies to protect their freight monopoly - Go figure, Idaho.”