

January 19, 2023

The Honorable Dan Ruby
Chair, House Transportation Committee
North Dakota Legislative Council
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

RE: HB 1181 – Relating to special permits for vehicles of excessive size

Dear Chair Ruby:

On behalf of the nearly 1400 international members of the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association (SC&RA), including our members headquartered in the State of North Dakota and the many more doing business there daily, we write to urge your support of House Bill 1181, relating to special permits for vehicles of excessive size.

SC&RA is a trade association involved in crane and rigging operations, specialized transportation, machinery moving and erecting, industrial maintenance, millwrighting, concrete pumping, manufacturing, and rental. Our members execute some of the most complex, multi-modal moves imaginable to deliver cargo safely and on-time. They also manufacture, deliver, and operate the crane and rigging equipment that lift and move North Dakota's communities and businesses.

Our members lift and move the world!

HB 1181 amends Subsection 5 of section 39-12-02 of the North Dakota Century Code to permit nighttime travel of commercial motor vehicle loads with proper lighting up to twelve feet (12') wide. HB 1181 builds upon the success of previous legislation authorizing nighttime travel for loads up to ten (10') wide, and which demonstrated no negative public safety impact in the twelve years since its enactment.

Permitting nighttime travel up to 12' wide offers numerous public safety and economic benefits, including:

- Increased safety and decreased congestion for all motorists through additional off-peak travel times.

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OUR MEMBERS **LIFT & MOVE** THE WORLD

- Promotion of interstate and international economic competitiveness in North Dakota through uniformity with its neighboring states and Canadian provinces.
- Decreased demand on North Dakota truck parking facilities due to the geospatial constraints of wide loads.

SC&RA thanks the North Dakota Legislative Council for its consideration of and the North Dakota Highway Patrol's support for HB 1181. We urge its passage in this Committee and throughout the duration of the 2023 Legislative Assembly session.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not to contact me anytime at 703-698-0291 or csmith@scranet.org.

Sincerely,

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