

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

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LAVALLE, STOUT, KITCHEN, LOGAN AND BOSCOLA, NOVEMBER 5, 2007

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, NOVEMBER 5, 2007

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President and the Congress of the United States to  
2 suspend funding for the Cross-Border Trucking Demonstration  
3 Project, implemented by the United States Department of  
4 Transportation, which allows Mexican trucks free access to  
5 our nation's roads.

6 WHEREAS, Under a provision of the 1994 North American Free  
7 Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the United States was to open its  
8 borders for Mexican trucks by the year 2000; and

9 WHEREAS, Due to numerous concerns with the program, the  
10 United States refused to implement this provision until February  
11 2007 when the United States Department of Transportation  
12 announced that it would begin a pilot program allowing a certain  
13 number of Mexican truck operators into the country beyond the  
14 current restricted commercial zones in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, This pilot program presents numerous economic,  
16 environmental and safety issues for our nation and its citizens;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Truck drivers in Pennsylvania and around the nation

1 would be asked to compete with Mexican truck companies who are  
2 willing to have their employees work excessive hours for very  
3 low wages; and

4 WHEREAS, There are also serious concerns with the impact that  
5 these older Mexican trucks, which are not subject to the Clean  
6 Air Act, will have on our environment; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition to the safety concerns which arise from  
8 having under-trained drivers operating poorly maintained Mexican  
9 trucks on our roads, the pilot program also presents major  
10 border security issues for our nation; and

11 WHEREAS, The Senate and the House of Representatives of the  
12 Congress of the United States have each passed amendments  
13 cutting off funding for the pilot program; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
15 urge the President and the Congress of the United States to  
16 suspend funding for the Cross-Border Trucking Demonstration  
17 Project, implemented by the United States Department of  
18 Transportation, which allows Mexican trucks free access to this  
19 nation's roads; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
21 the President of the United States and the Pennsylvania  
22 Congressional delegation.