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North Carolinians Oppose Trucks Bill

Raleigh, N.C. – Only 15% of North Carolinians support a bill in the General Assembly that would allow tractor trailers as long as 53 feet to travel on most roads in the state.

Every single demographic sub sample is opposed to the bill by a wide margin. Democratic respondents oppose it 57-13, Republicans oppose it 56-20, and Independents oppose it 65-12. Overall 58% of those surveyed are opposed with 27% unsure and just 15% in support.

“It’s a rare issue where you find men, women, blacks, whites, old people, young people, and folks from across the political spectrum all in agreement on a single issue,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But virtually no one thinks it’s a good idea to allow bigger trucks on more of our state’s roadways. If this bill moves forward in the General Assembly, it certainly won’t be because of the will of the people.”

PPP surveyed 507 likely voters on June 16th and 17th. The survey’s margin of error is +/- 4.4%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.





North Carolina Survey Results

Q1 There is currently a proposal in the Legislature to allow tractor trailers as long as 53 feet to travel on most roads in the state. Currently they are restricted to interstates and other major highways for safety reasons. What is your position on this proposal? If you support it, press 1. If you oppose it, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Support 15% *Not sure* 27%
Oppose 58%

Q2 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

Q3 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 47%
Republican..... 35%
Independent/Other..... 18%

Q4 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White 77%
African-American 20%
Other..... 3%

Q5 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 10%
30 to 45..... 22%
46 to 65..... 44%
Older than 65..... 24%





Crosstabs

		Gender	
		Base	
		Woman	Man
Bill			
	Support	15%	12% 18%
	Oppose	58%	61% 55%
	Not sure	27%	27% 26%

		Party		
		Base		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bill				
	Support	15%	13%	20% 12%
	Oppose	58%	57%	56% 65%
	Not sure	27%	30%	24% 22%

		Race		
		Base		
		White	African-American	Other
Bill				
	Support	15%	15%	14% 14%
	Oppose	58%	61%	51% 46%
	Not sure	27%	24%	36% 39%

		Age			
		Base			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bill					
	Support	15%	18%	16%	14% 14%
	Oppose	58%	58%	62%	59% 54%
	Not sure	27%	23%	21%	27% 32%

