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Senate Bill 186
Senator David Craig, 28th Senate District

Dear Chairman Petrowski and Committee Members,

Thank you for taking testimony on Senate Bill 186 regarding changes to the Milwaukee County high-wide route.

A high-wide route is a designated route for large commercial vehicles to travel through the city to the Port of Milwaukee. We have introduced this legislation because the route established in the 1970s is vastly different today. The route today contains low-hanging wires, roundabouts, traffic signal poles and islands that may need to be adjusted. The legislation will codify the route in statute and allow for freight movements that are no more than 28 feet wide or 23 feet tall to travel to the Port of Milwaukee.

The Port of Milwaukee is an integral part of Milwaukee and the state's economy. From delivering 1.4 million tons of salt each year to delivering the roof trusses for the new Milwaukee Bucks arena, the Port of Milwaukee is essential to economic development.

With this in mind, it is vital that goods can make their way to the port without obstacles and in an efficient manner. The legislation states that no person may take any action that would make any portion of the route permanently unavailable for use by a high-wide load. Thank you for allowing me to testify on this commonsense update of our statutes. I am happy to take any questions from committee members.