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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REDESIGN AND
RECONSTRUCT UNITED STATES ROUTE 380 BETWEEN HONDO AND CARRIZOZO
TO ALLOW FOR THE USE OF SHIPPING TRUCKS OF THE SAME LENGTH AS
USED ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS AND REQUESTING THAT SUFFICIENT
FUNDING BE APPROPRIATED TO COMPLETE THE REQUEST.

WHEREAS, United States route 380 was commissioned in 1931;
and

WHEREAS, Unites States route 380 links or subsumes several
smaller routes, creating an east-west highway corridor from
interstate highway 25 at San Antonio, New Mexico, to interstate
highway 30 at Greenville, Texas; and

WHEREAS, United States route 380 is six hundred eighty-
seven miles long and serves as an alternative shipping route
from its junction with interstate highway 25 to Roswell, New

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Mexico; to Fort Worth, Texas; to Dallas, Texas; to Greenville,

Texas; and to numerous other towns along its path; and

WHEREAS, citing safety concerns regarding the roadway

curves on United States route 380 between Hondo and Carrizozo,

the department of transportation limits the length of shipping

trucks that may be used on that stretch of roadway to no more

than sixty-five feet in length; and

WHEREAS, the imposed length restriction creates expensive

and time-consuming logistical difficulties for companies that

use the United States route 380 corridor to make shipments to

locations in Lincoln county or to make shipments through

Lincoln county; and

WHEREAS, the imposed length restriction has created local

logistical difficulties for companies that use United States

route 380 from Roswell to Capitan to supply the local retail

grocery store and the local farm and ranch store in Capitan;

and

WHEREAS, local Lincoln county and Socorro county ranchers

have also experienced difficulties in moving their livestock to

points east of Capitan and have been advised to use

transportation routes that add significant time and expense for

such transport of livestock; and

WHEREAS, the board of county commissioners of Lincoln

county unanimously passed Resolution Number 2018-6 requesting

the legislature to address the safety concerns on United States

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1   route 380 so that its residents have access to opportunities

2   and markets that serve this rural area of the state; and

3   WHEREAS, Resolution Number 2018-6 also requested the

4   legislature to address the safety concerns on United States

5   route 380 to increase the safety of the roadway for all of the

6   people who use United States route 380, including those

7   visiting the historic sites in and around Lincoln and Fort

8   Stanton; and

9   WHEREAS, transportation and access to markets are vital to

10   rural communities, and the restrictions imposed on United

11   States route 380 limit the opportunities available to the

12   people and businesses in Capitan and Carrizozo and the central

13   portion of Lincoln county;

14   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

15   STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of transportation be

16   requested to redesign and reconstruct the curves on United

17   States route 380 between Hondo and Carrizozo to allow the same

18   length shipping trucks to use that roadway as use the

19   interstate highways; and

20   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature appropriate

21   sufficient funds in fiscal year 2020 to the department of

22   transportation to accomplish the redesign and reconstruction of

23   the curves on United States route 380 between Hondo and

24   Carrizozo; and

25   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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transmitted to the secretary of transportation.

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