



Denver, Colorado
June 14, 1966

Stephen Leonard
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Dear Steve:

Thank you for the opportunity to examine S. B. 3005, introduced before the 2nd Session of the 89th Congress by Senator Magnuson, relative to a coordinated national safety program and safety standards. It was indeed a revelation to comprehend the magnitude of the proposed United States traffic safety law to be considered by our Congress.

At the present time it would be difficult to determine whether or not our Company has any statistical safety information in our files which might be of assistance to the Senate Commerce Committee in their consideration of this Bill. Our experience in vehicle accidents does not indicate vehicle mechanical failure as a causative factor. It is my considered opinion that less than 1% of the accidents reported annually within our Company could be attributed to a mechanical defect or failure.

I was interested in Sec. 101(c), page 2 of the Bill. In the original draft our industry would have been exempt because of its regulations under the I. C. C. This has been amended and will now include the trucking industry. Admittedly, we have problems under I. C. C. regulations but to the present time they have been controllable problems. The amendment creates the question of what repercussions would the trucking industry encounter from local governments in their interpretations of the National Safety Act and its requirements. It is interesting to note that the International Teamsters Union is in favor of the trucking industry being included in this Bill. This can be attributed to the fact that they anticipate more advantages in monopolizing the activities of the trucking industry.

I note that Sec. 120, page 36; Sec. 202, page 38; and Sec. 303, page 43 appropriate approximately \$350,000,000 for proposed expenditures in the next 3 years. It is also noted that these monies would be appropriated from:

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the Highway Trust Fund. If the Highway Trust Fund is allocated for the sole purpose of highway construction, would this delay the national highway construction program which is of vital interest to our industry because our plans for continued progress are based upon the premises that the Interstate System will be completed and the realization of more permissible legislation regarding equipment lengths and gross weights on the highways.

Steve, this may not be of much assistance to you but I want to thank you for the opportunity to review this Bill and express my opinion on some of the terminology contained therein. As you are well aware, our primary concern is whether or not this Bill would benefit the trucking industry.

We are returning your copy of Senate Bill 3005.

Regards,


George Carr
Vice President
Highway Operations

LW/dj

Enc.

cc: Les Taylor

June 21, 1966

The Honorable Winston L. Prouty
U. S. Old Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Prouty:

RE: S. B. 3005

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Mr. George Carr, Vice President, Highway Operations, DC International (formerly Denver Chicago Trucking Company), which is self-explanatory and which indicates little or no merit in the inclusion of measures affecting motor carriers in the subject legislation.

We are also enclosing a map of the route structure of DC to give you some idea of the relative size and consequent impact of the proposed legislation upon DC and other similarly situated carriers.

We will appreciate very much your consideration of the views of Mr. Carr and can be available if further information or elaboration is necessary.

Best personal regards.

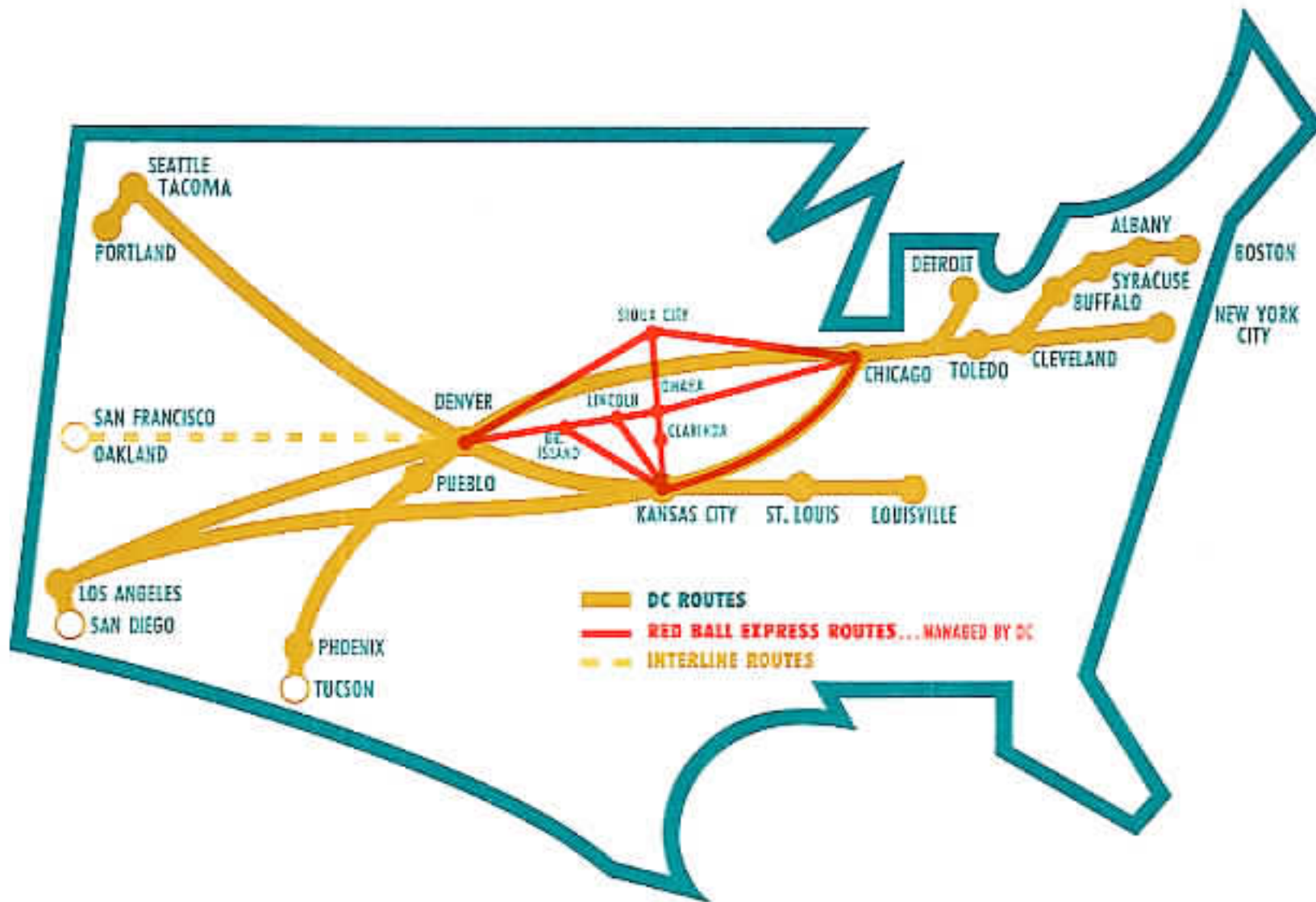
Sincerely,

DC INTERNATIONAL


Stephen Leonard

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June 22, 1966

Mr. Stephen Leonard
Senior Chicago Trucking Company, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Leonard:

Thank you for having sent me a copy of Mr. Carr's letter relating to motor carriers and S. 3005.

You know that our Committee ordered the bill reported yesterday. Because of your interest, I will certainly pay close attention to Floor amendments which might affect your organization.

Sincerely yours,

Winston E. Prouty
United States Senator