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**To:** Gary Poulson, Chair, Transit and Parking Commission  
Members of the Transit and Parking Commission

**Fr:** Ald. Denise DeMarb, District 16

**Re:** Agenda Item #G.1, Legistar File ID #49036, Amending Section 12.129 of the Madison General Ordinances to increase the weight restriction for heavy traffic in residence districts, and to clarify the unit of measurement as being the gross weight of a vehicle in pounds as registered with the Department of Transportation

I regret that I will be unable to attend the Transit and Parking Commission meeting this evening, but I will be out of town due to a death in my family. In my absence, I wanted to provide you with a bit of background for the above-referenced ordinance that I am sponsoring and that is on your agenda.

I was contacted by some constituents who received a parking citation for having a vehicle over 6,000 pounds parked on the street. The vehicle was a pickup truck, similar to the type of truck many residents own and use in everyday travel, to pull boats and trailers, and which are common around Madison. Research showed that the 6,000-pound weight limit in Madison's ordinance dates to 1974 and was in line with State Statute at that time. However, the State has since adjusted the weight limit in the Statute to 10,000 pounds because of the increase in size and weight of vehicles since 1974. My proposal would bring our ordinance into alignment with the Statute.

Again, my apologies for not being able to attend your meeting this evening to speak on this agenda item. I respectfully request that you support the change I'm proposing, and I thank you for your consideration.