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To implement a pilot program to establish truck parking facilities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TONKO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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facilities.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Jason’s Law”.

5 **SEC. 2. TRUCK PARKING FACILITIES.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In cooperation with appro-
7 priate State, regional, and local governments, the Sec-
8 retary of Transportation shall implement a pilot program

1 to address the shortage of long-term parking for commer-
2 cial motor vehicles on the National Highway System.

3 (b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-
5 tation shall allocate funds made available to carry
6 out this section among States, metropolitan planning
7 organizations, and local governments.

8 (2) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for an allo-
9 cation under this section, a State (as defined in sec-
10 tion 101(a) of title 23, United States Code), metro-
11 politan planning organization, or local government
12 shall submit to the Secretary an application at such
13 time and containing such information as the Sec-
14 retary may require.

15 (3) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—Funds allocated
16 under this subsection shall be used by the recipient
17 for projects described in an application approved by
18 the Secretary. Such projects shall serve the National
19 Highway System and may include the following:

20 (A) Constructing safety rest areas (as de-
21 fined in section 120(c) of title 23, United
22 States Code) that include parking for commer-
23 cial motor vehicles.

1 (B) Constructing commercial motor vehicle
2 parking facilities adjacent to commercial truck
3 stops and travel plazas.

4 (C) Opening existing facilities to commer-
5 cial motor vehicle parking, including inspection
6 and weigh stations and park-and-ride facilities.

7 (D) Promoting the availability of publicly
8 or privately provided commercial motor vehicle
9 parking on the National Highway System using
10 intelligent transportation systems and other
11 means.

12 (E) Constructing turnouts along the Na-
13 tional Highway System for commercial motor
14 vehicles.

15 (F) Making capital improvements to public
16 commercial motor vehicle parking facilities cur-
17 rently closed on a seasonal basis.

18 (G) Improving the geometric design of
19 interchanges on the National Highway System
20 to improve access to commercial motor vehicle
21 parking facilities.

22 (4) PRIORITY.—In allocating funds made avail-
23 able to carry out this section, the Secretary shall
24 give priority to applicants that—

1 (A) demonstrate a severe shortage of com-
2 mercial motor vehicle parking capacity in the
3 corridor to be addressed;

4 (B) have consulted with affected State and
5 local governments, community groups, private
6 providers of commercial motor vehicle parking,
7 and motorist and trucking organizations; and

8 (C) demonstrate that their proposed
9 projects are likely to have positive effects on
10 highway safety, traffic congestion, or
11 air quality.

12 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 3 years
13 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
14 Transportation shall submit to Congress a report on the
15 results of the pilot program.

16 (d) FUNDING.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
18 appropriated from the Highway Trust Fund (other
19 than the Mass Transit Account) to carry out this
20 section \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010
21 through 2015.

22 (2) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—Funds authorized
23 under this subsection shall be available for obligation
24 in the same manner as if the funds were apportioned
25 under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, ex-

1 cept that such funds shall not be transferable and
2 shall remain available until expended, and the Fed-
3 eral share of the cost of a project under this section
4 shall be determined in accordance with sections
5 120(b) and 120(c) of such title.

6 (e) TREATMENT OF PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding
7 any other provision of law, projects funded under this sec-
8 tion shall be treated as projects on a Federal-aid system
9 under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code.