

February 13, 2012

**TO MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE:**

The time is now to pass S. 1813, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, the bipartisan highway bill crafted by the Environment and Public Works Committee. Last Thursday, eighty-five Senators voted to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1813, clearly demonstrating bipartisan support for passing the highway and transit bill. While we are encouraged by this show of support, the undersigned organizations are concerned that progress may be impeded if non-germane amendments are offered as part of the deliberations on this bill.

The organizations that we represent may hold diverse views on social, energy, and fiscal issues, but we are united in our desire to see immediate action on the Senate's bipartisan highway and transit reauthorization measures. Therefore, we strongly urge you to abstain from offering non-germane amendments that would impede passage of this legislation, which is essential to job creation, economic growth and to the long term stability of vital transportation programs.

Sincerely yours,

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American Association of State Highway and Transit Officials

American Bus Association

American Concrete Pavement Association

American Council of Engineering Companies

American Highway Users Alliance

American Moving & Storage Association

American Public Transportation Association

American Road and Transportation Builders Association

American Society of Civil Engineers

American Traffic Safety Services Association

American Trucking Associations

**Associated General Contractors of America**  
**Associated Equipment Distributers**  
**Association of Equipment Manufacturers**  
**Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations**  
**Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance**  
**Governors Highway Safety Association**  
**Intelligent Transportation Society of America**  
**International Union of Operating Engineers**  
**Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association**  
**National Asphalt Pavement Association**  
**National Association of Development Organizations**  
**National Construction Alliance II**  
**National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association**  
**Portland Cement Association**  
**U.S. Chamber of Commerce**