United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

CONGRESS MUST ACT TO ADDRESS THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND SHORTFALL WITH ALMOST 3 MILLION JOBS AT STAKE

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Dear Colleague:

We want to bring to your attention a matter of great concern that will have a significant impact on the people of your state. We are facing a crisis when the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) expires in September 2014 when the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) is expected to experience a severe shortfall.

MAP-21 ensures the solvency of the HTF only until the law expires. If the pending HTF shortfall were to be addressed solely by cutting spending, obligations in 2015 from the Highway Account of the HTF and from the Mass Transit Account would need to be cut by 100 percent. This would jeopardize almost 3 million jobs nationwide, including jobs supported by the enhanced Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program. Further, it would defund critical safety oversight programs for the drivers of our nation's roads. Simply put, the economy of our nation is at stake.

The impacts of these cuts to your state would be extremely harmful – to the economy, to jobs, and to the safety and mobility of travelers. Attached is a state-by-state list of the funding and number of jobs that will be lost as a result of funding cuts in highways and public transportation if we do not act to address the HTF shortfall.

A strong transportation system is vital to ensuring the economic competitiveness of the United States and this requires maintaining federal investments in our transportation infrastructure. We must work together in a bipartisan way to address this challenge, find a dependable source of sustainable funding for the HTF, and keep the nation's transportation systems strong.

Please support our efforts to solve this crisis as we seek to move forward in a bipartisan way to find stable sources of funding.

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Sincerely,

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