United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Cantor:

Enclosed is a chart that clearly shows the number of jobs in every state that will be saved or created by the bipartisan Senate surface transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21).

This legislation passed the Senate yesterday by an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 74-22. There is an urgent need to get this bill to the President's desk, because nearly three million jobs are at stake if Congress does not act by March 31st, when the current surface transportation extension expires.

Nationwide, MAP-21 sustains almost 1.9 million jobs, including over 55,000 jobs in Ohio and almost 40,000 jobs in Virginia. MAP-21 also creates up to one million additional jobs through the expansion of the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program, which leverages local funds to accelerate transportation infrastructure projects.

We ask you to immediately take up and pass the Senate's bipartisan transportation bill. The reforms included in MAP-21 improve surface transportation programs by maintaining current funding levels for highways and public transportation, consolidating over two-thirds of all highway programs, eliminating earmarks, establishing a national freight program, improving safety oversight of public transportation, and instituting performance measures and accountability for transportation infrastructure investments. This bill is also fully paid for.

The surface transportation authorization bill is by far the biggest jobs legislation the Congress will take up this year. It is imperative that Congress pass and the President sign into law this bill by March 31st, because the failure to act means that the nation's surface transportation programs will be shut down. The nation simply cannot afford these devastating job losses.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We stand ready to help.

Sincerely,

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Chairman
Committee on Environment
and Public Works

Tim Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Banking, Housing
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cc: All Members of the U.S. House of Representatives

MAP-21 Protects 1.9 Million Jobs Nationwide and Creates 1 Million More Jobs Through Leveraging Transportation Funds

A State-by-State breakdown of the jobs supported by MAP-21 is included below.

State	Highways	Transit	Total Jobs Supported
Alabama	26,900	1,700	28,600
Alaska	17,800	900	18,700
Arizona	24,900	3,800	28,700
Arkansas	18,300	1,000	19,300
California	132,100	45,400	177,500
Colorado	18,300	3,700	22,000
Connecticut	18,300	5,500	23,800
Delaware	6,000	700	6,700
District of Columbia	5,300	8,300	13,600
Florida	69,800	11,900	81,700
Georgia	45,500	6,500	52,000
Hawaii	6,300	1,700	8,000
Idaho	10,000	700	10,700
Illinois	48,100	19,800	67,900
Indiana	32,300	2,800	35,100
Iowa	16,200	1,400	17,600
Kansas	13,900	1,100	15,000
Kentucky	23,500	1,800	25,300
Louisiana	24,300	2,400	26,700
Maine	6,800	600	7,400
Maryland	21,500	7,200	28,700
Massachusetts	22,100	12,700	34,800
Michigan	38,500	4,900	43,400
Minnesota	24,600	3,500	28,100
Mississippi	18,100	900	19,000
Missouri	33,100	3,400	36,500
Montana	13,800	600	14,400
Nebraska	10,200	800	11,000
Nevada	11,100	1,700	12,800
New Hampshire	6,100	500	6,600
New Jersey	34,700	19,500	54,200
New Mexico	13,000	1,200	14,200
New York	61,100	52,200	113,300
North Carolina	36,900	3,800	40,700
North Dakota	9,200	500	9,700
Ohio	48,800	6,500	55,300
Oklahoma	22,600	1,400	24,000
Oregon	17,600	3,200	20,800
Pennsylvania	59,000	14,700	73,700
Rhode Island	7,900	1,100	9,000
South Carolina	21,600	1,500	23,100
South Dakota	9,900	400	10,300
Tennessee	29,900	2,700	32,600
Texas	106,100	14,200	120,300
Utah	10,800	2,400	13,200
Vermont	7,100	300	7,400
Virginia	35,600	4,200	39,800
Washington	25,800	7,900	33,700
West Virginia	16,000	800	16,800
Wisconsin	26,000	2,800	28,800
Wyoming	9,200	400	9,600
Other*	109,900	90,500	200,400
Total	1,482,400	390,100	1,872,500

The information in this table was prepared by the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT). Job figures rounded to the nearest hundred based on average funding provided over fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

Based on US DOT's job calculation models that assume every $1 billion in Federal highway funding that is matched by State and local investments supports 34,779 jobs through all sectors of the economy and every $1 billion in Federal transit funding that is similarly matched provides 37,500 jobs.

Historically, every dollar made available through the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program can mobilize up to a total of $30 in transportation investments through leveraging transportation funds. MAP-21 increases funding for TIFIA to $1 billion per year which will create up to 1 million more jobs.

* Includes funding provided to territories; FHWA's tribal and Federal lands programs, research activities, and allocated programs; and FTA's undesignated discretionary grants in all accounts and oversight.