

July 20, 2015

Dear Senator:

The undersigned organizations representing every sector of the U.S. economy urge all members of the Senate to pass a six-year reauthorization of the federal surface transportation program in 2015 that increases investment in highway and public transportation improvements.

America's transportation infrastructure network is the foundation on which the nation's economy functions. American manufacturers, industries and businesses depend on this complex system to move people, products and services every day of the year. It is also a direct contributor to enhanced personal mobility and quality of life for all Americans.

With unanimous approval of S. 1647, "Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act" on June 24, the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee demonstrated a bill with common sense policy reforms and robust investments can achieve broad bipartisan support and enthusiasm. The DRIVE Act should serve as a vehicle to complete a comprehensive reauthorization process this year.

The U.S. economy and all Americans require a surface transportation infrastructure network that can keep pace with growing demands. A six-year federal commitment to prioritize and invest in our aging infrastructure and safety needs is essential to achieve this goal.

Temporary program extensions and eight years of recurring Highway Trust Fund revenue crises do not provide a path to future economic growth, jobs and increased competitiveness. We urge you to end this cycle of uncertainty by advocating and voting for a six-year surface transportation program reauthorization bill during 2015.

Sincerely,

National Association of Manufacturers
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
American Road and Transportation Builders Association
Associated General Contractors of America
U.S. Travel Association
National Retail Federation
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Trucking Associations
AAA
American Public Transportation Association (APTA)
Association of Equipment Manufacturers

International Union of Operating Engineers
Laborers International Union of North America
United Brotherhood of Carpenters
American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Association of Port Authorities
North America's Building Trades Unions
MADD
Airports Council International - North America
American Highway Users Alliance
American Public Works Association (APWA)
National Association of Development Organizations (NADO)
American Council of Engineering Companies
The National Industrial Transportation League
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance
Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance
National Railroad Construction & Maintenance Association
Construction & Demolition Recycling Association
International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association
American Concrete Pavement Association
The Association of Union Constructors (TAUC)
National Electrical Contractors Association
American Rental Association
American Supply Association
National Precast Concrete Association
United Motorcoach Association
National Tank Truck Carriers, Inc.
NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association
National Utility Contractors Association
Associated Equipment Distributors
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute
National Recreation and Park Association
National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
American Iron and Steel Institute
Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade Corridors
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute
National Safety Council
Industrial Minerals Association - North America
Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association
American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC)
National Steel Bridge Alliance (NSBA)
North American Equipment Dealers Association (NAEDA)

National Asphalt Pavement Association
American Concrete Pipe Association
Corn Refiners Association
American Traffic Safety Services Association
National Association of Truck Stop Operators
American Society of Landscape Architects
Farm Equipment Manufacturers Association
Governors Highway Safety Association
Institute of Makers of Explosives
Metropolitan Planning Council of Chicago
Asphalt Emulsion Manufacturers Association
Asphalt Recycling & Reclaiming Association
International Slurry Surfacing Association
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA)