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**IBTTA Statement on the Passing of Former Congressman and House Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Jim Oberstar**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – International Bridge, Tunnel & Turnpike Association Executive Director and CEO Patrick Jones issued the following statement today upon hearing the news on the passing of former Rep. Jim Oberstar:

**"We join America and the state of Minnesota in mourning the passing of Jim Oberstar, former Chairman of the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.**

**Jim Oberstar dedicated his life to public service and was a champion of the importance of infrastructure investment. His keen intellect and command of history and transportation policy earned him the respect and admiration of all who knew him. We will miss him and extend our sympathies to his family."**

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