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Dear Senator:

The 29 national associations and construction trade unions of the Transportation Construction Coalition strongly urge you to support the "Highway Investment, Job Creation and Economic Growth Act" during today's Senate Finance Committee mark-up.

The measure would extend the Highway Trust Fund's expenditure authority and the taxes that generate trust fund revenues. The proposal would also supplement incoming trust fund revenues to fully pay for investments authorized by other components of the Senate's two-year surface transportation reauthorization proposal. These additional resources are essential to prevent devastating cuts in federal highway and public transportation investment at a time when the U.S. economy and, particularly, the transportation construction industry are struggling to recover from the effects of the recession.

The last multi-year reauthorization of the federal surface transportation program expired more than 28 months ago and the highway and public transportation programs have since been operating under a series of temporary extensions. The Senate Environment and Public Works and Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committees unanimously approved their respective proposals to reauthorize the federal highway and public transportation programs.

The bipartisan support provided to date for the core elements of the Senate surface transportation bill demonstrates these proposals are both sound policy and extremely important to all states. A bipartisan revenue package from the Senate Finance Committee is essential to keep the Senate reauthorization process moving forward.

Furthermore, the latest projections from the Congressional Budget Office show the Highway Trust Fund will not be able to support current investment levels at some point in early FY 2013. This complicates not only the potential for future short-term extensions, but also the FY 2013 appropriations process.

The "Highway Investment, Job Creation and Economic Growth Act" will provide much needed stability to the U.S. economy and the ongoing efforts to improve your state's surface transportation network. We urge you to support this critical legislation.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition