

United States House of Representatives
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Room 2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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SUPPORT H.R. 6532
THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND RESTORATION ACT

Dear Colleague:

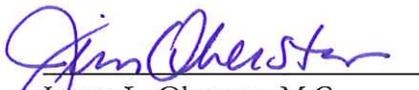
We write to urge you to support H.R. 6532, a bill to restore the Highway Trust Fund balance. This important legislation ensures full funding of the highway and public transportation investment levels authorized by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users ("SAFETEA-LU").

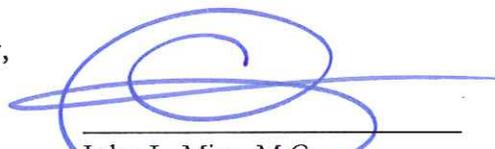
SAFETEA-LU provides \$41.2 billion for Federal-aid highways and \$10.34 billion for public transportation in fiscal year 2009. Unfortunately, Highway Trust Fund revenues are falling behind what was anticipated when SAFETEA-LU was enacted in 2005. If this situation is not proactively addressed, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials ("AASHTO") has estimated that the shortfall could lead to a devastating \$14 billion, or 34 percent, reduction in federal highway investment in FY 2009. A 34 percent cut in each State's Federal highway funds would lead to the loss of nearly 380,000 jobs at a time when we are attempting to revive the U.S. economy. We have attached a Transportation Construction Coalition chart demonstrating the specific impact on highway funding and jobs that could result if we do not restore the Highway Trust Fund.

H.R. 6532, introduced by Committee on Ways and Means Chairman Rangel, restores \$8.017 billion to the Highway Trust Fund. These highway user fee revenues were transferred to the General Fund in 1998, pursuant to the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Both the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation have determined that this proposal does not constitute a spending outlay, would not violate pay-go, and will have no revenue effect.

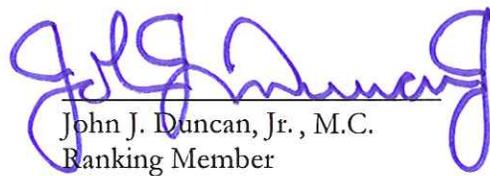
Fully honoring the investment levels contained in SAFETEA-LU will enable us to continue our efforts to develop an efficient transportation network that enhances the nation's long-term productivity. We urge you to support H.R. 6532, and preserve the Highway Trust Fund's solvency through FY 2009.

Sincerely,


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State Federal Highway Funds In Jeopardy
Support H.R. 6532 to Prevent 34 Percent Cut

State	Actual FY 2008	Projected FY 2009 Without Fix	FY09 Funding Cut	Projected Job Loss
Alabama	\$703,608,862	\$490,508,434	-213,100,427	-7,416
Alaska	\$392,336,871	\$290,793,680	-101,543,191	-3,534
Arizona	\$667,147,856	\$438,664,311	-228,483,545	-7,951
Arkansas	\$456,190,231	\$320,021,084	-136,169,147	-4,739
California	\$3,241,415,426	\$2,312,797,348	-928,618,078	-32,315
Colorado	\$483,871,715	\$336,831,459	-147,040,256	-5,117
Connecticut	\$482,654,710	\$322,178,744	-160,475,967	-5,584
Delaware	\$151,330,042	\$105,505,130	-45,824,912	-1,595
Dist. of Col.	\$144,672,395	\$98,449,152	-46,223,243	-1,609
Florida	\$1,743,482,571	\$1,170,330,313	-573,152,259	-19,945
Georgia	\$1,254,148,068	\$854,334,154	-399,813,914	-13,913
Hawaii	\$161,397,489	\$108,732,842	-52,664,647	-1,833
Idaho	\$265,659,540	\$186,583,127	-79,076,413	-2,752
Illinois	\$1,226,941,903	\$860,514,023	-366,427,880	-12,751
Indiana	\$883,116,254	\$613,381,711	-269,734,544	-9,386
Iowa	\$422,814,986	\$275,671,959	-147,143,027	-5,120
Kansas	\$364,702,387	\$246,228,246	-118,474,141	-4,123
Kentucky	\$614,997,743	\$424,872,735	-190,125,008	-6,616
Louisiana	\$577,720,798	\$388,222,990	-189,497,808	-6,594
Maine	\$178,953,421	\$124,718,277	-54,235,144	-1,887
Maryland	\$578,678,880	\$388,200,419	-190,478,461	-6,628
Massachusetts	\$609,422,307	\$398,142,135	-211,280,172	-7,352
Michigan	\$1,007,665,781	\$762,900,607	-244,765,175	-8,518
Minnesota	\$575,827,393	\$433,242,592	-142,584,801	-4,962
Mississippi	\$433,794,557	\$300,588,496	-133,206,061	-4,635
Missouri	\$829,306,795	\$577,297,558	-252,009,237	-8,770
Montana	\$338,011,659	\$239,506,863	-98,504,796	-3,428
Nebraska	\$271,341,203	\$184,454,956	-86,886,247	-3,024
Nevada	\$274,821,219	\$173,608,407	-101,212,812	-3,522
New Hampshire	\$160,957,601	\$108,790,657	-52,166,944	-1,815
New Jersey	\$933,422,014	\$627,578,740	-305,843,274	-10,643
New Mexico	\$331,049,059	\$237,065,570	-93,983,489	-3,271
New York	\$1,652,187,126	\$1,082,942,105	-569,245,020	-19,809
North Carolina	\$982,279,233	\$690,898,439	-291,380,795	-10,140
North Dakota	\$226,404,974	\$155,931,552	-70,473,422	-2,452
Ohio	\$1,251,880,095	\$900,869,616	-351,010,479	-12,215
Oklahoma	\$542,557,073	\$369,868,439	-172,688,634	-6,009
Oregon	\$434,153,577	\$294,969,678	-139,183,898	-4,843
Pennsylvania	\$1,607,827,381	\$1,064,325,708	-543,501,672	-18,913
Rhode Island	\$200,252,272	\$131,121,237	-69,131,035	-2,406
South Carolina	\$572,462,981	\$390,280,157	-182,182,824	-6,340
South Dakota	\$245,963,474	\$174,549,231	-71,414,243	-2,485
Tennessee	\$768,763,258	\$533,198,427	-235,564,831	-8,197
Texas	\$2,802,411,108	\$1,942,990,215	-859,420,893	-29,907
Utah	\$273,508,721	\$188,070,215	-85,438,506	-2,973
Vermont	\$161,725,931	\$114,413,876	-47,312,055	-1,646
Virginia	\$907,625,718	\$636,053,577	-271,572,141	-9,450
Washington	\$623,821,456	\$416,592,681	-207,228,775	-7,211
West Virginia	\$391,319,504	\$271,937,690	-119,381,814	-4,154
Wisconsin	\$676,542,465	\$480,036,649	-196,505,816	-6,838
Wyoming	\$229,637,435	\$166,470,893	-63,166,542	-2,198
SUBTOTAL	\$35,312,785,520	\$24,406,237,107	-10,906,548,414	-379,537
Allocated Programs	4,127,089,170	1,909,255,590	(2,217,833,580)	
Undesignated High Priority Projects	1,513,574	1,061,467	(452,106)	
Projects of National & Regional Sig.	410,949,000	230,558,400	(180,390,600)	
National Corridor Infrastructure Program	449,988,000	252,460,800	(197,527,200)	
Transportation Projects	590,259,516	331,158,586	(259,100,930)	
Bridge (Sec. 144(g))	92,400,000	64,800,000	(27,600,000)	
Transfer to Sections 154 & 164	231,066,579	4,468,050	(226,598,529)	
TOTAL	41,216,051,359	27,200,000,000	(14,016,051,359)	

Source: Federal Highway Administration. Data include apportioned programs plus High Priority Projects.
Transportation Construction Coalition analysis of job impact.