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Office of the International President

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the nearly 200,000 members of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), the largest union representing transit workers in the United States, I write in support of Chair Sam Graves and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's effort to support public transportation by working to close the massive shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund (HTF).

The federal gas tax is no longer capable of sustaining the HTF on its own. New sources of revenue are needed to ensure that Congress will not have to continually bail out the HTF through General Fund transfers.

ATU appreciates the Committee's protection of the Federal Transit Program and recognition of the key role it plays in sustaining our economy. Every \$1 invested in public transportation generates approximately \$5 in economic returns. Each year, millions of Americans, including many union members, rely on the bus or train to get to work every day. ATU looks forward to working with the Committee in the months ahead as it works to reauthorize the vital transit programs which provide the resources to help ATU members move our nation.

Sincerely,

John A. Costa

International President