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To Members of the U.S. Congress:

The undersigned organizations representing every sector of the economy urge the House of Representatives and Senate to pass bipartisan legislation that will stabilize the Highway Trust Fund and prevent a shutdown of federal highway and public transportation investments across the country.

Our 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.

As the World Economic Forum (WEF) noted in its 2013-2014 Global Competitiveness Report, infrastructure connects regions, integrates markets and provides access to markets and services. While this latest report places the U.S. economy fifth in its "Global Competitiveness Index," America's infrastructure network now ranks 15<sup>th</sup> globally.

Shortchanging the Highway Trust Fund is not the path to future economic growth, jobs and increased competitiveness. The possibility of a deficient Highway Trust Fund that shutteres 100,000 construction projects that support 700,000 jobs and puts all new highway, bridge and public transportation investments on hold will further harm an already fragile economy.

The U.S. economy requires a surface transportation infrastructure network that can keep pace with growing demands. A long-term federal commitment to prioritize and invest in our aging infrastructure and safety needs is essential to achieve this goal. Keeping the Highway Trust Fund solvent is the first step.

We urge Congress to avoid the immediate transportation cliff and improve the long-term fiscal condition of the Highway Trust Fund during 2014.

Sincerely,

National Association of Manufacturers  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
American Road & Transportation Builders Association  
Associated General Contractors of America  
National Retail Federation  
American Trucking Association  
U.S. Travel Association  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
Mothers Against Drunk Driving  
NAACP  
American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials  
International Union of Operating Engineers  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
Laborers International Union of North America

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NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association  
American Public Transportation Association  
Airports Council International–North America  
Transportation for America  
Building America's Future  
Smart Growth America  
Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance  
The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators  
Governors Highway Safety Association  
American Highway Users Alliance  
American Public Works Association  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
National Stone Sand and Gravel Association  
Transportation Intermediaries Association  
The American Society of Landscape Architects  
American Iron and Steel Institute  
National Utility Contractors Association  
American Concrete Pipe Association  
American Concrete Pavement Association  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Asphalt Pavement Association  
Truckload Carriers Association  
American Association of Airport Executives  
International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association  
Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America)  
Safe Routes to School National Partnership  
League of American Bicyclists  
Alliance for Biking & Walking  
Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals  
National Tank Truck Carriers  
American Moving & Storage Association  
NATSO, representing America's Truckstops and Travel Plazas  
National Recreation and Park Association  
Metropolitan Planning Council (Chicago, IL)  
American Traffic Safety Services Association  
SMART – Transportation Division  
Safe Kids Worldwide  
PeopleForBikes – Business Network  
PolicyLink  
International Warehouse Logistics Association  
The National Industrial Transportation League  
The Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Portland Cement Association  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
National Electrical Contractors Association  
National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)