

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Transportation is Your Business

July 15, 2009

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS:

We, the undersigned businesses and organizations, believe that now is time to strategically plan and invest in America's highways and public transportation systems. Transportation infrastructure is more vital than ever to the success of U.S. industries. Adequate transportation infrastructure capacity and reliable and cost-effective transportation services are essential to improving economic growth, increasing productivity, and maintaining the competitiveness of American businesses across all economic sectors. Further, by creating jobs across construction, engineering, resources, and manufacturing sectors, transportation investment itself serves as an important economic driver.

In order to keep pace with transformations of the national and global economies, the U.S. transportation system needs to expand, modernize, and adapt to the changing and growing needs for freight movement and passenger mobility. Unfortunately, government at all levels has failed to adequately invest in transportation and a deteriorating transportation system disadvantages the U.S. economy-now and in the future.

On September 30, 2009, the nation's core surface transportation programs will expire and we need you to seize this critical opportunity to improve existing programs and increase investment in the America's roads, bridges, and transit systems. Continuing the status quo is not an option - current federal resources cannot support existing service levels beyond 2009 and the current program framework does not adequately support national needs and objectives.

National challenges require national solutions. All options must be on the table to remedy this national challenge if we are to fix our aging infrastructure and make the needed improvements. Congress needs to chart a new course and in doing so reduce the costs imposed by congestion, pollution, and needless highway injuries and fatalities and create jobs for the long-term.

Sincerely,

Alabama

Alabama Asphalt Pavement Association
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce
Vulcan Materials Company

Alaska

Aurora Business Supplies

Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce

Arizona

Ajo District Chamber of Commerce
Arizona Chamber Executives
Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce
MetLife Home Loans

Tempe Chamber of Commerce
Valley Metro Regional Public
Transportation Authority
Wells Fargo Equipment Finance, Inc.
Yavapai Block Company, Inc.

Arkansas

Arkansas Asphalt Pavement Association
Little Rock Chamber of Commerce
Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce

California

Air One Limousine Service LLC
Asphalt Pavement Association of California
California Asphalt Pavement Association
Fullerton Chamber of Commerce
MBD, Inc.
National Council of Asian American
Business Association
OnTrac
Oxnard Chamber of Commerce
Palm Desert Five Star Chamber of
Commerce
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
URS Corporation
US Latino American Chamber of Commerce
Valley Industry & Commerce Association

Colorado

Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce

Connecticut

Connecticut State Employees Association
Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce
Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce
Raynard & Peirce Real Estate Co.
Sanborn Financial Group
Stamford Chamber of Commerce
Stonewear Clothing

Delaware

Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce

District of Columbia

American Society of Civil Engineers

Florida

Design 2000 Salon for Hair & Nails
Digitrax, Inc.
Floridians for Better Transportation
Globalvia
Greater Tampa Area Chamber of Commerce
Office Depot, Inc.
Sterling Limousine of Tampa, Inc.
West Pasco Chamber of Commerce
WT Logistics LLC

Georgia

Atlanta JCB
Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce
DeKalb Chamber of Commerce
E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc.
Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce
Intrepid USA Healthcare Services
Low Country Machinery
Oldcastle Materials, Inc.
Sleep Inn & Suites
Smith Northview Hospital
Standard Concrete Products, Inc.
TransSystems, Inc.
Unified Equipment Resources
United Parcel Service
Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of
Commerce

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Hawaii Asphalt Paving Industry
The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii

Idaho

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Bay Shore Systems
Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce
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Technologies
Datum Construction Management, Inc.
DK Commercial, LLC
FuelMD LLC
Ground Force Manufacturing
Improvement Solutions
Just1
Kleinfelder

Lucy's Spotless Cleaning, LLC
Pacific Steel & Recycling
Payne Financial Group, Inc.
Premier Technology, Inc.
Twin Dolphin Pools

Illinois

A T Roseborough & Associates
Associated Equipment Distributors
Caterpillar, Inc.
Deere & Company
ILLCO, Inc.
Illinois Asphalt Pavement Association
Illinois Concrete Pipe Association
PCI of Illinois and Wisconsin
Portland Cement Association
Quixote Corporation
Repair Parts, Inc.

Indiana

Appian, Inc.
Asphalt Pavement Association of Indiana
Indiana Chamber of Commerce

Iowa

Asphalt Paving Association of Iowa
Bettendorf Chamber of Commerce
Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce
First Insurance Agency
Jebro, Inc.
Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce
Mason City Area Chamber of Commerce

Kansas

Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce
Kansas Asphalt Pavement Association
Northeast Johnson County Chamber of
Commerce

Kentucky

TWB, LLC

Louisiana

Bossier Chamber of Commerce
Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce
Louisiana Asphalt Pavement Association

Maine

Edwards Family Shop N Save Supermarkets
H O Bouchard, Inc.
Maine Better Transportation Association
Pike Industries, Inc.
Sargent Corporation
Sebago Technics, Inc.

Maryland

Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber of
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National Asphalt Pavement Association
The Agricultural Education Group
Vernon Powell Shoe Co.

Massachusetts

48HourPrint.com
A&M Compressed Air Products

Michigan

Con-way, Inc.
Ebels Family Center, Inc.
Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce
The Dow Chemical Company

Minnesota

C.H. Robinson
Evergreen Real Estate

Mississippi

Horn Lake Chamber of Commerce

Missouri

Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce
The HNTB Companies

Montana

Montana Chamber of Commerce
Mountain Water Company

Nebraska

Coldwell Banker Commercial – Thompson
Realty
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

Olsson Associates

Nevada

Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce

New Hampshire

Business & Industry Association of New Hampshire

New Jersey

Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce
New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce

New Mexico

Greater Sandoval County Chamber of Commerce

New York

Buffalo Niagara Partnership
Business Council of New York State, Inc.
Forerunner Telecom
Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce
IW, Inc.
Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
Quebec-New York Corridor Coalition
Rochester Business Alliance

North Carolina

Catawba County Chamber of Commerce
Customer One Solutions, Inc.
Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce
Greater Hampstead Chamber of Commerce
Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce
Watson Electric Co., Inc.
Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce

North Dakota

Border States Electric

Ohio

Flexible Pavements of Ohio
H & A Limousine & Sedan Service
Preble County Chamber of Commerce

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Asphalt Pavement Association
The State Chamber of Oklahoma
Tulsa Metro Chamber of Commerce

Oregon

Asphalt Pavement Association of Oregon
Integrity Logistics

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Benchmark Civil Engineering Services, Inc.
Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce
Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of the Lehigh Valley
Miller Welding & Machine Co.
Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce
PBS Coals
Penske Truck Leasing Co., L.P.
The Depository, Inc.
The Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce & Industry
The Main Line Chamber of Commerce
Trans-Bridge Lines

Rhode Island

Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce
Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce

South Carolina

Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce
Charleston Regional Transportation Authority
North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce
T2 Design & Construction, LLC
Turner's Garage, Inc.
Upstate Piedmont Chamber of Commerce

Tennessee

Clay County Chamber of Commerce
FedEx Freight
Memphis Medical Center
Trans-Research International, Inc.

Texas

Arlington Chamber of Commerce
Dallas Regional Chamber of Commerce
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce
National Chassis
Omni-Ag Distributors, Inc.
Permian Fabrication & Service LP
San Antonio Mobility Coalition, Inc.
The Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce
The Greater San Antonio Chamber of
Commerce
The Longview Partnership

Utah

Associated Food Stores, Inc.

Vermont

Manchester Vermont Chamber of
Commerce

Virginia

American Association of Port Authorities
American Moving & Storage Association
Croder-Hite-Crews Funeral Home
Design Professionals Coalition
Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce
Luck Stone Corporation
Salt Institute
Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association
The ILEX Group
Virginia Chamber of Commerce
VJS-TC, LLC
Washington Information Source Co.

Washington

Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce
Washington Asphalt Pavement Association

West Virginia

West Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Wisconsin

Miles Kimball Company
Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce
Wisconsin Asphalt Pavement Association