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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy,

We are writing in support of the calls for a \$49.95 billion infusion of federal funding to state departments of Transportation (DOTs) in the next COVID-19 response legislation. Our transportation system is essential to America's economic recovery, but it is facing an immediate need as the COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacts states' transportation revenues. With negotiations for the next COVID-19 relief package underway, we write to convey our strong support that future legislation includes a provision to address the needs of highway and bridge projects.

With millions of Americans following "stay-at-home" orders, many state governments are facing losses in revenues across the board. These State DOTs are not exempt from these losses but operate with unique funding circumstances by having their own revenue shortfalls. Projections are showing decreases in state motor fuel tax and toll receipts as vehicle traffic declines by 50 percent in most parts of the country due to work and travel restrictions. An estimated 30 percent average decline in state DOTs' revenue is forecasted over the next 18 months. Some state DOTs could experience losses as high as 45 percent. Due to these grim realities, some states are unable to make contract commitments for basic operations such as salt and sand purchases for winter operations. Both short-term and long-term transportation projects that were previously set to move forward are being delayed, putting construction jobs at risk.

Providing state DOTs with an immediate relief with immediate infusion of \$49.95 billion in federal funding separate from any additional State and Local relief, is not unlike action taken in prior COVID-19 response bills, which provided federal funding for other transportation modes facing reductions in revenue due to decreased travel. Supporting state DOTs now will enable the advancement of planned transportation projects in the near-term and allow state DOT employees and transportation construction workers essential to planning and delivering these projects to remain on the job. Thank you for your consideration of this request, and leadership in crafting legislation to combat COVID-19.

Sincerely,



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