



May 27, 2014

The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Boehner, Leader Pelosi, Majority Leader Reid, and Minority Leader McConnell:

The looming deficit of federal transportation funds threatens the ability of states like ours to continue meaningful investments in infrastructure, and Congress must work to address this budgetary shortfall to prevent a lapse of funding to states.

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) now estimates that the Highway Trust Fund will be depleted as early as August. In a letter this month to state transportation agencies, USDOT Secretary Anthony Foxx warned that the Department will be required to delay reimbursements that are owed to states if Congressional action is not taken to fill the funding hole in a timely manner.

This impending loss of funds, combined with the expiration of Congressional authority to appropriate transportation funds on September 30<sup>th</sup>, endangers the jobs and economic activity generated by current and future infrastructure projects. In New England, billions of dollars' worth of surface transportation projects would be jeopardized by failure to find a workable solution to the approaching insolvency of the Highway Trust Fund.

Every state relies on critical federal dollars to maintain and invest in surface transportation and ours are no exception. From the roads and bridges our residents drive on, to the rails and stations that support our public transportation, these investments in infrastructure across the region drive growth, development and creation of jobs. Infrastructure provides the backbone of both the New England and national economies, and neglecting our commitment to infrastructure investments will stifle economic opportunity and overall quality of life for our citizens.


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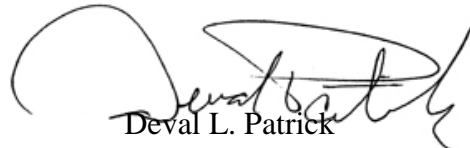
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We are encouraged by the proposals put forth thus far by both the President and by members of Congress, and hope that all parties will continue to work towards a bipartisan solution to a challenge that will affect every corner of America. Congress must act without delay to avoid any lapse in transportation funds to states.

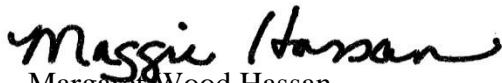
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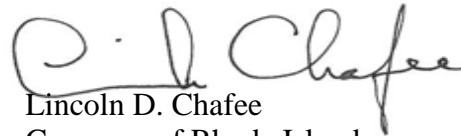
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