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Template Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Your recent article, [Insert here], missed the mark/gets to the heart of the need for a comprehensive, long-term surface transportation reauthorization bill before the end of this Congressional session. [Insert specific argument in relation to article].

The stimulus package was an important step to temporarily prop up our ailing transportation system, but now Congress and the Administration need to commit to long-term funding. The series of short-term extensions since last September has made it impossible for American businesses to plan for the future – now we're continuing to lose jobs and are putting the health of our citizens and our economy at risk.

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, materials, and manufacturing sectors, transportation investment serves as an important economic driver in and of itself.

Continuing with short-term extensions is not a viable option. Congress must make long-term transportation planning and investing a priority and develop legislation that provides policy and programmatic reforms as well as dedicated funding for highways and public transit.

Sincerely,

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