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The Honorable Erskine Bowles
Co-Chair, National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility Reform
1650 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20504

The Honorable Alan Simpson
Co-Chair, National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform
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Dear Chairmen Bowles and Simpson:

Our construction materials organizations, which are the principal suppliers of materials used to manufacture our nation's highways, roads and bridges, wrote the Commission this past summer urging you to include in your report the recommendations that Congress continue to finance federal transportation investments through fiscally responsible and budget-neutral user fees and levies. We read with great interest your proposal unveiled last week and appreciate the recognition contained in it that investment in infrastructure is necessary to promote economic growth and keep America competitive.

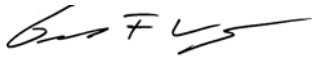
We very much appreciate your commitment to the primacy and solvency of the highway trust fund. Our industries fully support funding the program through existing revenue collections, prohibiting further transfers from the general fund, gradually increasing and indexing the federal motor fuels tax. These actions would ensure the solvency of the fund going forward to allow for the development of a long-term funding mechanism necessary to accommodate the increased use of alternative fuels and improved automobile technology.

In addition, we applaud your proposed recommendations' acknowledgement of the constitutional mandate contained in Article I, Section 8, affirming the congressional role in our nation's highway system.

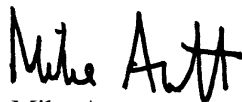
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Finally, our industries strongly believe that your recommendations relating to transportation infrastructure are essential to the nation's economic recovery and future growth. We commend you for your leadership of the Commission. We pledge our assistance in building support for the congressional actions necessary to ensure the stability and solvency of the Highway Trust Fund that will allow delivery of a transportation system for the 21st Century.

Sincerely,



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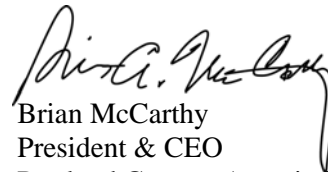
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