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June 24, 2008

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

KEY VOTE ALERT - Support Highway Trust Fund Fix

Dear Member of Congress:

On Tuesday, June 25, the House of Representatives is scheduled to take up H.R. 6327, "The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Extension Act of 2008" under suspension of the rules which requires a 2/3rds vote of those present and voting. Included in this must-pass legislation are provisions that keep the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) solvent and prevent the approximately 34 percent cut in federal highway funds your state will incur if the fix is not approved. **The National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA) urges you to vote in favor of H.R. 6327.**

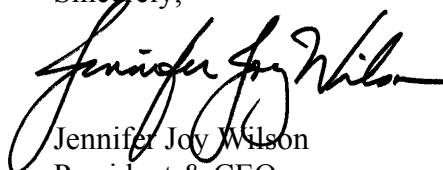
By supporting H.R. 6327, you will be supporting a plan to ensure federally guaranteed highway funds continue to flow to your state. With the impending deficit in the HTF, many states are making plans to drastically scale back state road programs. Industry experts calculate the funding cuts will result in job losses nationwide totaling 380,000. See the attached chart to determine how the projected cuts in the HTF could impact your state along with the number of jobs that may be lost.

Forecasts indicate a shortfall of several billion dollars to the HTF in FY '09, the last year of SAFETEA-LU authorization. In addition, the Federal Highway Administration recently reported that estimated miles traveled on U.S. public roads has dropped 30 billion miles from November through April 2007-08 compared to the same period in 2006-07, the first year-to-year reduction since 1979. As Americans drive less and purchase less fuel, the HTF's shortfall will continue to worsen.

In response to this dire situation, Congressmen Rangel, Oberstar, Mica, Costello, and Petri have included provisions in H.R. 6327 that would allow for an \$8 billion transfer from the general fund to shore up the HTF. This is the exact amount that was transferred to the general fund in 1998 when the HTF's was running a surplus. Now that the HTF faces a major shortfall in 2009 and beyond, Congress should restore this \$8 billion in highway user fee revenues. Doing so will provide sufficient balances to allow for the full \$41.2 billion in guaranteed funding for the highway program in your state. It is important to note that the CBO has certified this funding fix does not count as a spending outlay nor does it violate pay-go.

For these reasons, the NSSGA urges you to vote in favor of H.R. 6327 and deems it such an important issue that it will be a key vote for the industry. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Joy Wilson
President & CEO

Enclosure

State Federal Highway Funds In Jeopardy
Support H.R. 6327 to Prevent 34 Percent Cut

State	Projected FY 2009			Projected Job Loss
	Actual FY 2008	Without Fix	FY09 Funding Cut	
Alabama	\$703,608,862	\$490,508,434	-213,100,427	-7,416
Alaska	\$392,336,871	\$290,793,680	-101,543,191	-3,534
Arizona	\$667,147,856	\$438,664,311	-228,483,545	-7,951
Arkansas	\$456,190,231	\$320,021,084	-136,169,147	-4,739
California	\$3,241,415,426	\$2,312,797,348	-928,618,078	-32,315
Colorado	\$483,871,715	\$336,831,459	-147,040,256	-5,117
Connecticut	\$482,654,710	\$322,178,744	-160,475,967	-5,584
Delaware	\$151,330,042	\$105,505,130	-45,824,912	-1,595
Dist. of Col.	\$144,672,395	\$98,449,152	-46,223,243	-1,609
Florida	\$1,743,482,571	\$1,170,330,313	-573,152,259	-19,945
Georgia	\$1,254,148,068	\$854,334,154	-399,813,914	-13,913
Hawaii	\$161,397,489	\$108,732,842	-52,664,647	-1,833
Idaho	\$265,659,540	\$186,583,127	-79,076,413	-2,752
Illinois	\$1,226,941,903	\$860,514,023	-366,427,880	-12,751
Indiana	\$883,116,254	\$613,381,711	-269,734,544	-9,386
Iowa	\$422,814,986	\$275,671,959	-147,143,027	-5,120
Kansas	\$364,702,387	\$246,228,246	-118,474,141	-4,123
Kentucky	\$614,997,743	\$424,872,735	-190,125,008	-6,616
Louisiana	\$577,720,798	\$388,222,990	-189,497,808	-6,594
Maine	\$178,953,421	\$124,718,277	-54,235,144	-1,887
Maryland	\$578,678,880	\$388,200,419	-190,478,461	-6,628
Massachusetts	\$609,422,307	\$398,142,135	-211,280,172	-7,352
Michigan	\$1,007,665,781	\$762,900,607	-244,765,175	-8,518
Minnesota	\$575,827,393	\$433,242,592	-142,584,801	-4,962
Mississippi	\$433,794,557	\$300,588,496	-133,206,061	-4,635
Missouri	\$829,306,795	\$577,297,558	-252,009,237	-8,770
Montana	\$338,011,659	\$239,506,863	-98,504,796	-3,428
Nebraska	\$271,341,203	\$184,454,956	-86,886,247	-3,024
Nevada	\$274,821,219	\$173,608,407	-101,212,812	-3,522
New Hampshire	\$160,957,601	\$108,790,657	-52,166,944	-1,815
New Jersey	\$933,422,014	\$627,578,740	-305,843,274	-10,643
New Mexico	\$331,049,059	\$237,065,570	-93,983,489	-3,271
New York	\$1,652,187,126	\$1,082,942,105	-569,245,020	-19,809
North Carolina	\$982,279,233	\$690,898,439	-291,380,795	-10,140
North Dakota	\$226,404,974	\$155,931,552	-70,473,422	-2,452
Ohio	\$1,251,880,095	\$900,869,616	-351,010,479	-12,215
Oklahoma	\$542,557,073	\$369,868,439	-172,688,634	-6,009
Oregon	\$434,153,577	\$294,969,678	-139,183,898	-4,843
Pennsylvania	\$1,607,827,381	\$1,064,325,708	-543,501,672	-18,913
Rhode Island	\$200,252,272	\$131,121,237	-69,131,035	-2,406
South Carolina	\$572,462,981	\$390,280,157	-182,182,824	-6,340
South Dakota	\$245,963,474	\$174,549,231	-71,414,243	-2,485
Tennessee	\$768,763,258	\$533,198,427	-235,564,831	-8,197
Texas	\$2,802,411,108	\$1,942,990,215	-859,420,893	-29,907
Utah	\$273,508,721	\$188,070,215	-85,438,506	-2,973
Vermont	\$161,725,931	\$114,413,876	-47,312,055	-1,646
Virginia	\$907,625,718	\$636,053,577	-271,572,141	-9,450
Washington	\$623,821,456	\$416,592,681	-207,228,775	-7,211
West Virginia	\$391,319,504	\$271,937,690	-119,381,814	-4,154
Wisconsin	\$676,542,465	\$480,036,649	-196,505,816	-6,838
Wyoming	\$229,637,435	\$166,470,893	-63,166,542	-2,198
SUBTOTAL	\$35,312,785,520	\$24,406,237,107	-10,906,548,414	-379,537
Allocated Programs	4,127,089,170	1,909,255,590	(2,217,833,580)	
Undesignated High Priority Projects	1,513,574	1,061,467	(452,106)	
Projects of National & Regional Sig.	410,949,000	230,558,400	(180,390,600)	
National Corridor Infrastructure Program	449,988,000	252,460,800	(197,527,200)	
Transportation Projects	590,259,516	331,158,586	(259,100,930)	
Bridge (Sec. 144(g))	92,400,000	64,800,000	(27,600,000)	
Transfer to Sections 154 & 164	231,066,579	4,468,050	(226,598,529)	
TOTAL	41,216,051,359	27,200,000,000	(14,016,051,359)	

Source: Federal Highway Administration. Data include apportioned programs plus High Priority Projects.
Transportation Construction Coalition analysis of job impact.