The Hon. Mike Crapo Chairman Committee on Finance U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Crapo:

Investing in the nation's infrastructure provides far-reaching economic benefits. Recent congressional support for roads, bridges and public transportation systems has helped deliver much-needed projects to every congressional district across the country. These improvements have enhanced safety, mobility and efficiency nationwide.

These outcomes are made possible by the continuity and predictability of funding supported by a healthy Highway Trust Fund (HTF). At present, HTF revenues are generated primarily through user fees on the sale of gas and diesel fuels, along with transfers from the General Fund to make up for insufficient revenues.

However, improvements in vehicle efficiency and the influx of hybrid and electric vehicles have resulted in a system where all users of the system are not treated fairly. Instead, some users pay for the maintenance of the system, while other users pay less or nothing at all. At the same time, user fee revenue has not met system needs.

The undersigned organizations urge you to include a user fee on electric and hybrid vehicles in the Finance Committee title of the Senate's reconciliation measure and dedicate the revenues solely to the HTF. While this solution would only partly enhance HTF revenues, it would help ensure all users of the system are paying for its upkeep.

We are grateful for the support Congress has provided for the nation's surface transportation infrastructure network and look forward to working with you to ensure users of the system equitably pay for their maintenance and expansion.

Sincerely,

American Road & Transportation Builders Association
Associated General Contractors of America
American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
American Society of Civil Engineers
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
American Council of Engineering Companies

American Trucking Associations International Union of Operating Engineers National Utility Contractors Association American Subcontractors Association **Associated Equipment Distributors** National Precast Concrete Association **American Cement Association** Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute Transportation Intermediaries Association Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association American Traffic Safety Services Association American Concrete Pipe Association Design-Build Institute of America National Ready Mixed Concrete Association National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute

Cc: All Senate GOP Members