

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
House Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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August 31, 2026

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries,

As bipartisan Members of Congress and members of the Problem Solvers Caucus, we write to express our strong support for restoring funding of federal surface transportation programs to their Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 enacted levels, including advanced appropriations and programs funded through all available sources, in the FY 2027 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill.

Federal investment in surface transportation is a proven way to deliver tangible benefits to our constituents through smoother commutes, safer routes to school and economic growth. We urge you to restore levels for all transportation programs, at Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 enacted levels, regardless of funding source and including advanced appropriations, in a FY 2027 transportation spending bill.

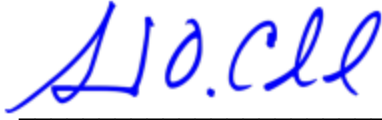
The current House and Senate versions of a continuing resolution would cut \$36 billion in transportation funding, including cutting highway funds by nearly \$10 billion, airport construction by \$5 billion, transit programs by \$4 billion, and rail programs by \$13 billion, for example. Priorities in the FY2027 bill that would not be funded include support to rebuild and restore bridges in every state, to improve rail infrastructure and equipment, enable transit system improvements, strengthen ports, invest in ferry service, freight, and multimodal networks, among others.

Restoring investment levels in an FY2027 transportation appropriations bill will allow these important projects to continue without interruption. Ending federal support threatens to delay projects and create downstream impacts across the economy.

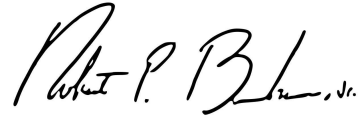
Further, not continuing support for currently authorized programs, while debate on a long-term surface transportation bill is underway, denies the opportunity to evaluate these programs on their merits before continuing or terminating funding.

We respectfully urge you to restore funding for these transportation programs to FY 2026 enacted levels in the final FY 2027 appropriations legislation. Doing so will provide certainty for state and local partners, preserve ongoing infrastructure investments, and ensure that communities across the country can continue to benefit from a safe, reliable, and modern transportation network.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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