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Dear «Title» «Lname»:

This serves as a follow-up to our April 28, 2020 correspondence regarding the impact of COVID-19 on our nation's transportation funding. In that letter, I referred to information from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) that indicated the need for an immediate \$49.95 billion revenue backstop for State Departments of Transportation (DOT's) to offset revenues lost due to decreased travel.

As updated data has become available over the last three months, AASHTO now estimates state transportation revenue losses of \$37 billion over five years (through FY 2024), with an estimated loss of \$16 billion in FY 2020. This change in estimated loss is mainly due to a more optimistic outlook for FY 2021 from State DOT's compared to earlier this year. The anticipated loss in State DOT highway revenues is not as severe as originally projected, but the recovery is expected to be spread out over a longer timeframe.

This letter is to reiterate the need for Congress to find a solution for the shortfall in state revenues needed by DOT's to perform essential services, match federal aid, and continue with planned projects. At the very least, increased flexibility in the eligibility and local matching requirements for federal funding should be strongly considered.

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Now, more than ever, an adequately funded transportation system is needed to strengthen the economy and keep people working during these uncertain times. We are very encouraged at the progress being made by Congress to craft long-term transportation infrastructure legislation. If we can be of any assistance during this process, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Thank you for all you are doing to help our nation and the State of Arkansas.

Sincerely,



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