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July 31, 2020

The Honorable Robert Menendez  
United States Senator, New Jersey  
528 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Cory Booker  
United States Senator, New Jersey  
717 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Menendez and Booker:

Thank you for your continued leadership in Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Great State of New Jersey. It is during times of such societal upheaval when your dedication to those you represent is both essential and appreciated.

I write to you today just as my Department of Transportation colleagues across the country write to their United States Senators. As you consider continued fiscal relief from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, DOTs have experienced financial impacts as the result of reduced fuel tax revenues. These revenues are necessary to advance important transportation projects, but more importantly, these funds will allow projects to proceed that help to stimulate economic recovery through sustained employment and an engaged supply chain.

As a member of AASHTO, I am aware of the federal aid request of \$16.7 billion that AASHTO staff submitted on behalf of all state DOTs. I urge you to consider this request in addition to that which you will be considering for general state fiscal relief. Generally, transportation funding is addressed outside of General Fund obligations simply because of its magnitude. Emergency relief is no different. In no way should this request interfere or compete with that submitted by Governor Murphy for New Jersey budgetary relief; it should be considered in addition to that which will act to support New Jersey's General Fund.

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Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane Gutierrez-Seascetti". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Diane Gutierrez-Seascetti  
Commissioner