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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

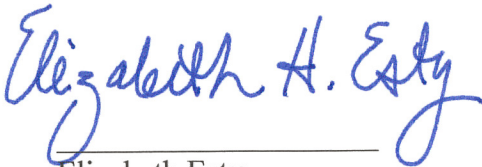
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
H-204, The Capitol
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Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

As Members of the New Democrat Coalition, we are committed to policy solutions that will grow our economy in every town and city. We have an opportunity in the coming months to agree on a plan that will bring our nation's infrastructure into the 21st century and maintain our competitiveness globally. Currently, federal infrastructure spending does not meet the tremendous demand in communities across the country. The current state of our roads and bridges has the potential to be our country's next destabilizing economic crisis and threatens to stall economic growth unless we address it now.

There is bipartisan agreement that Congress should replenish the Highway Trust Fund with revenues raised through international tax reform that includes "deemed repatriation" of U.S. dollars stranded overseas – this will also make U.S.-based companies more competitive. Additionally, we need a sustainable and dedicated user fee model to continue funding infrastructure projects into the future. Coming together around this two-pronged funding approach would allow us to pay for a long-term infrastructure bill that would not only revitalize our nation's infrastructure, but create and maintain jobs across the country for years to come.

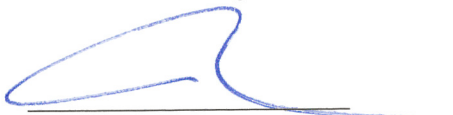
We all believe that the series of short-term patches over the past several years has been shortsighted and damaging for our economy as well as our roads and bridges. We strongly urge you to bring a long-term, sustainably funded highway bill to the House floor without delay. We are eager to support such a proposal.



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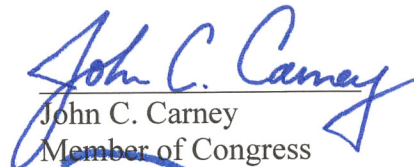


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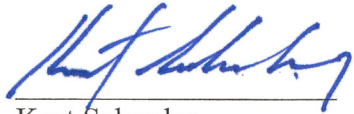
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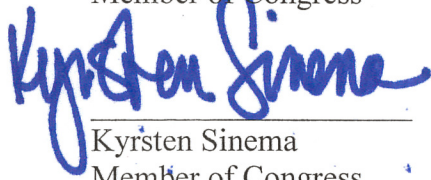
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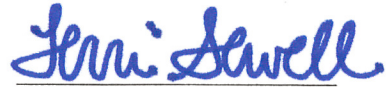
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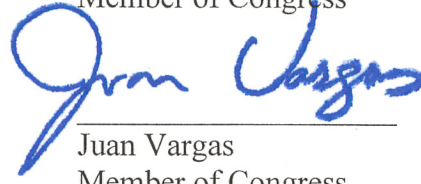
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