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Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

The American Highway Users Alliance (the Highway Users) is pleased to support the highway-related provisions of the House THUD Appropriations Bill, which was marked-up in subcommittee today. We are pleased that the funding level for highways is consistent with authorized levels in last year's MAP-21 bill. We understand the desire not to continue appropriations for the TIGER program, which was not authorized under MAP-21. The bill also rescinds TIGER funding appropriated for FY2013. As the bill moves through the process, we would encourage you to re-consider the rescission and, instead, redirect unobligated funds from the TIGER program to an authorized formula-based program, such as the Surface Transportation Program.

The Highway Users represents about 270 non-profit associations, companies, and AAA clubs across the United States. Together our members represent millions of motorists, truckers, bus companies, and other road users who pay the taxes that fund the Highway Trust Fund.

Thank you again for moving forward with this bill. We urge a speedy process, through regular order, to ensure that the THUD bill is enacted this year. We were disappointed when Congressional leaders chose to fund FY13 highway programs through a continuing resolution. Please do not hesitate to contact me if my members can be of assistance in getting the FY14 THUD bill enacted.

Sincerely,

Gregory M. Cohen
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