



June 19, 2013

Hon. Nick J. Rahall II, Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2307 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Rahall:

The American Highway Users Alliance is pleased to support the SAFE Bridges Act, which would authorize \$5.5 billion for structurally deficient, functionally obsolete, and fracture critical bridges.

According to the Federal Highway Administration's latest version of "Highway Statistics", 24.8% of our bridges are deficient (not including fracture critical). 28.8% of the total length of bridges is deficient, covering more than 4,700 miles, or the distance from Beckley to Los Angeles *and back*. Clearly, the needs are overwhelming.

The Highway Users Alliance appreciates your efforts to raise awareness of the problem and we look forward to working with you and your staff to advance your bill through the legislative process.

Please do not hesitate to have your staff contact me if I can be of assistance to you in keeping America's bridges safe for highway users.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory M. Cohen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gregory M. Cohen
President & CEO