



October 28, 2019

The Honorable Richard C. Shelby
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Vice Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Susan M. Collins
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development, and
Related Agencies
U.S. Senate
184 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development, and
Related Agencies
U.S. Senate
184 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Shelby, Vice Chairman Leahy, Chairman Collins, and Ranking Member Reed:

On behalf of the American Highway Users Alliance (Highway Users), which represents approximately 300 non-profit associations, companies, motorcyclists, RVers, truck and bus companies, and AAA clubs whose livelihoods depend on safe and efficient high-quality roads, **we urge Congress to include a repeal of the rescission of \$7.6 billion in Federal-aid highway contract authority as the Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations process moves forward.** Congress is exploring including this vitally important repeal of the rescission in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), or some other appropriations vehicle and we wholeheartedly support that action.

Section 1438 of the "Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act" (FAST Act) rescinds \$7.6 billion in unobligated Federal-aid highway contract authority on July 1, 2020. The entire country's roadway funding would be negatively impacted by this rescission were it to move forward at a time when tremendous investment is needed. Additionally, the rescission will significantly reduce the budget baseline for surface transportation programs beginning in Fiscal Year 2021 by \$7.6 billion each year for ten years totaling \$76 billion. The outcome will be a depressed baseline for the next transportation authorization.

The Highway Users **urges the repeal of the \$7.6 billion rescission of unobligated Federal-aid highway contract authority as part of the NDAA or any Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations vehicle** this fall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Perrotta".

Laura Perrotta
President & CEO

American Highway Users Alliance

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