



December 4, 2020

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

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Shelby, Ranking Member Leahy, Chairman Lowey, and Ranking Member Granger:

On behalf of the American Highway Users Alliance (Highway Users), a coalition of 300 organizations including companies, trade associations, safety advocacy groups, and motoring clubs that represent millions of motorists and serve as the united voice of the roadway users' community, we applaud the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the House Committee on Appropriations for your tireless work to finalize fiscal year (FY) 2021 appropriations. The Highway Users **urges completion of the fiscal year (FY) 2021 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) appropriations bill before the current continuing resolution expires on December 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on state and local transportation budgets, infrastructure investment from the appropriations bill is more important than ever. Many State DOTs have canceled and delayed roadway work this year and roadway users are adversely impacted as they face congestion delays or unsafe conditions that were planned to be addressed. The nation would benefit from legislation that includes full funding for highway programs at authorized levels with additional investments for the core highway programs to ensure important road and bridge projects can continue. Failure to complete this vital legislation will result in a lack of the certainty needed to make investments during this critical time.

The Highway Users recognizes your work to increase federal investment in transportation over the last few years beyond what was authorized for highways. This additional investment has helped to make improvements to our roadways that are critical to drivers, businesses, and our economy. In conclusion, the Highway Users urges passage of a final FY 2021 THUD appropriations bill before the deadline next week. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [lauraperrotta@highways.org](mailto:lauraperrotta@highways.org) or 571-239-0765. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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

Laura Perrotta, CAE  
President and CEO