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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Representative of California
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Harry Reid
Senator of Nevada
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Dear Representative Pelosi and Boehner and Senators Reid and McConnell:

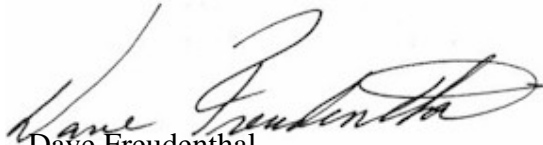
On behalf of all of our Western colleagues we are writing to strongly urge Congress to take immediate action to address the looming shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund (HTF). We call on Congress to fix the HTF deficit as soon as possible, but no later than the start of Fiscal Year 2009.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) projects that not only will the fund be depleted before the expiration of the "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" (SAFETEA-LU), but that its depletion will result in a \$13.5 billion cut in federal highway program funding, representing a 34 percent decrease in funding and a subsequent loss of 380,000 jobs. We need not remind you that this significant reduction will occur at a time when the entire transportation system in this country is in dire need of funding to address crumbling infrastructure and increased capacity. In addition, this loss of jobs will come at a time of already increasing unemployment rates.

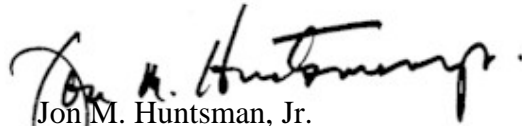
We strongly support maintaining the firewalls and funding guarantees established in SAFETEA-LU (WGA Resolution 05-05 B.11.b). This matter is of the utmost urgency for the Western states and must be addressed by Congress very soon. Thank you for your consideration of this critical request.

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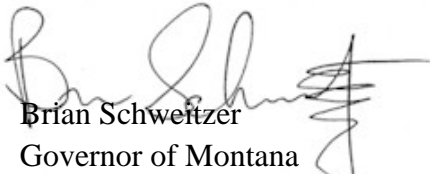
Sincerely,



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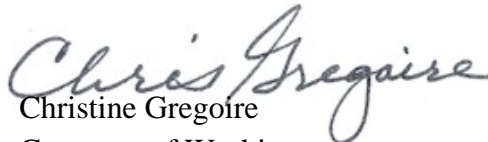
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