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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the AFL-CIO I urge you to oppose the Broun Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4348. This motion drastically cuts existing levels of funding for America’s transportation system.

The U.S. infrastructure shortfall has been estimated at $2.2 trillion by the American Society of Civil Engineers. At the same time, construction unemployment remains unacceptably high. There is critical work to be done across our surface transportation system and skilled workers stand ready to do the job.

While even more infrastructure funding can be justified, conferees are diligently working to maintain at least the current levels of funding through fiscal year 2013. The conferees have identified sources for the necessary funding to get us there. Maintaining existing levels of funding will create or sustain millions of jobs while maintaining and upgrading our transportation system.

At a time when we should be looking to put our country on sound footing for the future and getting people back to work as soon as possible, the Broun motion follows the failed European model of austerity and would have the same disastrous results.

The Broun motion would jeopardize our nation’s competitiveness and recklessly increase unemployment. We urge you to reject it.

Sincerely,

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