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Abstract
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the AFL-CIO, I am writing to strongly support the agreement to extend the expiring FAA and Surface Transportation authorizations at existing levels of funding. This agreement shows that both of these jobs programs are too important to be jeopardized by eleventh hour negotiations that could result in partial shutdowns.

At the same time, we urge Congress to continue its work to complete multi-year reauthorizations of both the FAA and Surface Transportation programs. With record high unemployment and unmet infrastructure needs that are crippling our competitiveness, it is critically important that Congress agree to reauthorize these two programs at robust funding levels. At a minimum, Congress should pass and fund these programs at no less than today’s baseline levels of funding plus inflation. Reauthorizing these two key multi-year bills would ensure that we get millions of workers back on the job improving, repairing and maintaining our crumbling highway, transit and aviation transportation systems.

We urge you to support the FAA and Surface Transportation extension to ensure they continue to operate until a longer term solution can be agreed upon.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
William Samuel, Director
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