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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the AFL-CIO, I am writing to urge you to support “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century” (MAP-21) when the Environment and Public Works Committee holds its markup this Thursday. MAP-21 would help bring America’s transportation system into the 21st century, while protecting 1.8 million jobs and creating up to a million more.

We applaud the bipartisan efforts of Chairman Boxer, Ranking Member Inhofe, and others on the Committee to craft a bill that would maintain current levels of investment adjusted for inflation.

MAP-21 would help reverse the deterioration of America’s highways and bridges, one in four of which is structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. MAP-21 would also help bring down unemployment in the construction industry, which in many areas is twice the national average.

This mark-up will be the key first step to funding important infrastructure investment, providing jobs for workers, and building for our economic future. This critical piece of legislation cannot wait any longer. We call on Congress to fully fund surface transportation programs to levels outlined in the bill.

Sincerely,

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