

April 24, 2014

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. House of Representatives  
100 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman \_\_\_\_\_:

Enclosed you will find a resolution from the Board of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), which is charged with transportation planning for all or parts of 18 counties and more than five million people in the metro Atlanta region. The resolution, approved by the ARC board on April 23, 2014, requests that you and your colleagues in the Georgia Delegation take action sooner rather than later to address the pending insolvency of the Highway Trust Fund.

Without this funding, the Georgia Department of Transportation will be unable to authorize contracts for federal-aid projects across the state after July 1, 2014. Such action will leave the Atlanta region lacking \$660 million in federal transportation funding, and impacting over \$1.2 billion statewide, for critical projects that could positively impact the safety of your constituents and the economy of the entire state. Examples of these critical projects and programs include:

- The extension of the managed lanes on I-85 north, affecting thousands of commuters daily,
- Regional signalization programs that ease long commutes and make thoroughfares safer,
- Improvements to the interchange of Highway 155 (Flat Shoals Road) and I-285 in DeKalb County, and
- I-75/SR 215 interchange (Dooly County), just to name a few.

Funding for these transportation projects and others is critical for the movement of people and goods throughout the Atlanta region, the state and the Southeast. It is ARC's hope that you will see the benefits of swift action on the Highway Trust Fund and move to fix the short-term problem, while also looking for long-term transportation funding solutions.

Thank you for your dedicated service to the State of Georgia. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we may be of assistance in this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, ARC  
Senior VP, Pope & Land Enterprises

Tom Worthan  
Chairman, Douglas County Commission  
Chairman, ARC Transportation & Air Quality Committee

