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The Honorable Edward Acevedo
State Representative
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Dear Representative Acevedo:

The more than 60 member organizations of the Transportation for Illinois Coalition watched with great interest the Illinois Senate's passage last week of a capital bill that includes funding for transportation. As strong and persistent advocates for increased investment in our state's transportation infrastructure, we are pleased to see the debate advanced by our Senators.

Indeed there are good things in the measure which passed. And we recognize the commitment Senate leadership and individual Senators have made to investing in Illinois' infrastructure. We look forward to continued work with the House of Representatives, the Senate and the Governor toward a proposal that further increases funding levels for highways and bridges, adds significantly to the capital and operating funding available for mass transit and ensures equitable distribution of funding throughout the state and amongst all modes of transportation.

Though this year has been difficult for political leaders, it seems clear that we can all take pride in working together to achieve approval of a comprehensive transportation funding package for the benefit of the citizens, the workers and the businesses of this great state. A vision for the future that includes a top-notch transportation system is one that will give confidence to the citizens and to those making decisions about business development and expansion.

Again, we are grateful to the Senate for elevating and responding to the need for transportation capital funding and we look forward to working with our Senators, the members of the House of Representatives and with the Governor to achieve even better results for Illinois.

Sincerely,

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