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January 23, 2008

The Honorable James Clayborne, Jr.
State Senator
327 Missouri Avenue, Suite 422
East St. Louis, IL 62201

Dear Senator Clayborne:

Thank you for supporting the mass transit operations reform and funding measure that will enable public transportation systems in the Chicago area and throughout the state to continue to provide necessary service to hundreds of thousands of Illinoisans. House Bill 656 is an important step toward better and more secure financial investment in Illinois' multi-faceted transportation network.

Unfortunately, there is more work to be done. During the remaining months of the spring 2008 legislative session, it is imperative that you and your colleagues approve a comprehensive, adequately financed transportation capital package that will maintain, repair and enhance our highways and bridges, rail and transit infrastructure and airports. The more than 70 organizations who make up the membership of the Transportation for Illinois Coalition have presented to you information about the state's need for transportation investment, and we have offered a compromise proposal that will address basic needs.

We are working now to further refine our proposal and hope that you and the other members of the General Assembly will join us in our efforts by demanding that action be taken this spring. Without a comprehensive capital funding proposal at the state level, Illinois will lose significant funding in the federal transportation reauthorization now being discussed in Washington D.C. We can't afford to wait.

The time to act is now. We need your leadership and commitment to support a comprehensive capital bill and sufficient, reliable, new funding sources to support it if we are to be successful.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Mark Beaubien, Jr.
State Representative
127-A E. Liberty Street
Wauconda, IL 60084

Dear Representative Beaubien:

Even with the passage of House Bill 656 which provides for mass transit operations reform and funding that will enable public transportation systems in the Chicago area and throughout the state to continue to provide necessary service to hundreds of thousands of Illinoisans, more needs to be done.

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