



March 28, 2008

The Honorable Dennis Hastert  
Former Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
759 John Street, Suite A  
Yorkville, IL 60560

Dear The Honorable Hastert:

On behalf of the more than 70 members of the Transportation for Illinois Coalition, we would like to offer our assistance with your work. Over the past six years we have researched and analyzed transportation funding in Illinois, the condition of our transportation infrastructure and the need for investment to maintain, enhance and expand it. In addition, the members of the coalition represent a broad spectrum of interests who share a common goal -- adequate investment in Illinois' transportation infrastructure. The breadth and depth of our experiences and expertise will be useful to you as you move forward with your charge from Governor Blagojevich.

We have attached several reports for your information that demonstrate the need for investment in our transportation infrastructure - the ideal program size and a suggested minimal program size. Any program that meets an adequacy test will require new revenues. We stand ready to work with you in developing a consensus program and the revenues to fund it.

We look forward to working with you and members of the General Assembly to help address the serious need for additional investment that will enable Illinois to sustain and grow jobs and its overall economic health. Best wishes as you undertake your work. We look forward to a supporting role.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Carrigan  
President, Illinois AFL-CIO  
TFIC Co-Chair

Douglas L. Whitley  
President, Illinois Chamber of Commerce  
TFIC Co-Chair