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# **Transportation for Illinois Coalition Co-Chairs React to Today's Illinois House Action on Transit Funding**

Statement attributable to Doug Whitley, president of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and a co-chair of TFIC:

“Today’s action in the Illinois House of Representatives underscores the importance of transportation funding for the people of the State of Illinois. Unfortunately, the failure to win approval of the transit funding and reforms in this measure brings us closer to the realization that there is a public transportation crisis that must be resolved. There is now even greater urgency that Illinois’ elected officials find appropriate solutions for the state’s critical transit and capital transportation needs. We urge them to continue working in good faith to come to a resolution that will provide for transportation needs and avoid serious consequences for our citizens and our state.”

Statement attributable to Michael T. Carrigan, president of the Illinois AFL-CIO and co-chair of TFIC:

“Today’s House action should be viewed as a stepping stone toward ultimately passing legislation to provide critical transportation funding our state desperately needs. Clearly, there is much work to be done. But with each step in this process, the public and elected officials learn more about the need for transportation funding in Illinois and the dire consequences of inaction. We urge lawmakers to continue to work toward a transportation funding plan that will address the state’s critical transportation needs and can be enacted into law.”

TFIC is a diverse group of statewide and regional business, labor, industry, not-for-profit and governmental organizations that have joined together in a united and focused effort to support a strong transportation alliance for Illinois. The Coalition takes a comprehensive approach and seeks to speak with one voice for all of Illinois when it comes to transportation funding needs at the federal and state level. This comprehensive approach involves all modes of transportation, including rail, air, water, highways and mass transit. For more information about TFIC, visit

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