



July 1, 2009

The Honorable Pat Quinn
Governor
207 Statehouse
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Dear Governor Quinn:

We are writing to urge your signature on the package of capital funding bills that will enable investment in the state's transportation infrastructure to move forward. Now that the General Assembly has released HB 255, HB 312, HB 313, HB 2400, and HB 2424, we ask that you quickly sign those measures.

Your immediate approval of the capital funding package will demonstrate your disdain for political gridlock and show positive action towards meeting the state's needs one step at a time. An affirmative response will show your sensitivity to 10% unemployment and the pressing need to get thousands of people back to work and the economy moving. Getting infrastructure investments underway will stimulate the economy and help bring much needed revenue to the state's treasury. By signing these bills you will have secured a major accomplishment that will prove an important legacy of your first term. Finally, you will be providing the public with a clear sign of governmental progress that people are desperately longing to see achieved in our state.

We know you face a multitude of other pressures regarding the state's operating budget. However, we firmly believe that prompt, affirmative action by signing the capital package will demonstrate the wisdom and foresight necessary to put Illinois back on a positive path. We urge you to take the opportunity to acknowledge something significant and long overdue has occurred and reiterate the compelling need for the General Assembly to move forward to address with public's agenda.

Sincerely,

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