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The Hon. John Boehner  
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The Hon. Harry Reid  
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The Hon. Nancy Pelosi  
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Dear Congressional Leaders:

It is disappointing that with the Obama Administration and both parties in Congress focused on actions to create and preserve jobs that the House and Senate approved and the President signed legislation to cut core federal highway investment by \$2 billion in FY 2012.

H.R. 2112 would set a highway obligation limitation of \$39.1 billion—as opposed to the FY 2011 level of \$41.1 billion. We recognized the measure would provide an additional \$1.66 billion for emergency relief activities. Unfortunately, these funds will not be available to all states and are used to restore highway and bridge facilities to their condition prior to being damaged by a natural disaster. While these resources are clearly important, they will not lead to improvements in the performance of the nation's surface transportation network and will have varying degrees of job support.

What will have an undisputable impact on jobs, however, is a \$2 billion cut in core highway investment. Federal Highway Administration data show that as a result of H.R. 2112's reduction, the federal highway program will be supporting 68,000 fewer jobs in FY 2012.

These cuts are real and all involved should be clear this is a step away from job creation and preservation. Since the Highway Trust Fund has adequate resources to support current investment levels, Congress has the ability to rectify this situation. We are pleased the House and Senate are moving forward with multi-year surface transportation bills and urge you to adjust the FY 2012 highway obligation limitation to, at least, the FY 2011 level as part of the reauthorization process.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition

Cc: Majority Leader Cantor, Assistant Majority Leader Durbin, Minority Whip Hoyer, Assistant Minority Whip Kyl, Chairman Mica, Chairman Boxer, Ranking Member Rahall, Ranking Member Inhofe