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Members of the Colorado General Assembly:

There are a wide number of important statewide issues that the General Assembly will be taking up this session, but perhaps none as critical as that of transportation funding in our state.

Colorado is currently the seventh fastest growing state in the nation, and our statewide population is expected to grow by **another 850,000 people** by 2030. This kind of population growth will continue to outpace the maintenance and expansion of our transportation system – especially when our fuel tax has not been increased since 1992 and these revenues continue to decline relative to growth. Increased congestion continues to affect our productivity and quality of life and makes it increasingly difficult to move goods throughout the state. **These problems are a clear threat to the economic well-being of Colorado.**

The memberships of our organizations have been at the table as stakeholders working on this issue for the past ten years, and we remain committed to finding **bipartisan, statewide solutions** to the continued shortfall in funding for our state's aging transportation system.

The undersigned organizations believe that a minimum ten-year commitment of \$500 million annually in additional transportation revenue will be necessary to address state and local transportation backlogs. The undersigned organizations are prepared to advocate for a combination of transportation funding methodologies **that are stable and predictable over time and include both new revenue and a dedicated state general fund contribution.**

Both the general fund and new transportation revenue should be shared among state, county and municipal governments in the same proportions as current Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) payments; and any new revenue sources should have a direct nexus to the use of the transportation system.

The time for action is now, and it is incumbent upon the members of the General Assembly to work together for all of Colorado. As elected officials and industry leaders from all across the political spectrum, the members of our organizations are ready to work with you to find **statewide solutions** to Colorado's critical transportation funding needs.

Respectfully yours,



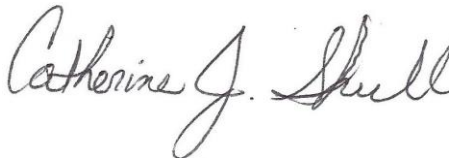
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