

NATIONAL STONE, SAND & GRAVEL ASSOCIATION



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July 29, 2008

Dear Senator:

The Senate will soon consider S. 3335, a package of energy and tax extenders. Attached to the bill is a plan that will keep the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) solvent and prevent an approximately 34 percent cut in federal highway funds your state will incur if the fix is not approved. **The National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA) urges you to support S. 3335 and vote for cloture.**

By supporting S. 3335, you will be supporting a plan to ensure federally guaranteed highway funds continue to flow to your state. With the impending deficit in the HTF, many states are making plans to drastically scale back state road programs. Industry experts calculate the funding cuts will result in job losses nationwide totaling 380,000.

Recent forecasts indicate a shortfall of several billion dollars to the HTF in FY '09, the last year of SAFETEA-LU. In addition, the Federal Highway Administration recently reported that estimated miles traveled on U.S. public roads have dropped 30 billion miles from November through April 2007-08 compared to the same period in 2006-07, the first year-to-year reduction since 1979. As Americans drive less and purchase less fuel, the HTF deficit will continue to worsen.

In response to this situation, Senator Baucus has included the Baucus-Grassley-Murray plan to allow for an \$8 billion transfer from the general fund to shore up the HTF in S. 3335. This is the exact amount that was transferred to the general fund in 1998 when the HTF was running a surplus. Now that the HTF faces a major shortfall in 2009 and beyond, Congress should restore the \$8 billion in highway user fee revenues. It is important to note that the Congressional Budget Office has certified that this funding fix does not count as a spending outlay nor does it violate pay-go.

For these reasons, NSSGA urges you to vote to support S. 3335 and ensure solvency of the HTF while we develop the next surface transportation bill and a transportation infrastructure for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Joy Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

Jennifer Joy Wilson  
President & CEO

Attachment: State-by-State Chart

**State Federal Highway Funds In Jeopardy**  
**Support Baucus-Grassley-Murray Trust Fund Fix to Prevent 34 Percent Cut**

State	Projected FY 2009			Projected Job Loss
	Actual FY 2008	Without Fix	FY09 Funding Cut	
Alabama	\$703,608,862	\$490,508,434	-213,100,427	-7,416
Alaska	\$392,336,871	\$290,793,680	-101,543,191	-3,534
Arizona	\$667,147,856	\$438,664,311	-228,483,545	-7,951
Arkansas	\$456,190,231	\$320,021,084	-136,169,147	-4,739
California	\$3,241,415,426	\$2,312,797,348	-928,618,078	-32,315
Colorado	\$483,871,715	\$336,831,459	-147,040,256	-5,117
Connecticut	\$482,654,710	\$322,178,744	-160,475,967	-5,584
Delaware	\$151,330,042	\$105,505,130	-45,824,912	-1,595
Dist. of Col.	\$144,672,395	\$98,449,152	-46,223,243	-1,609
Florida	\$1,743,482,571	\$1,170,330,313	-573,152,259	-19,945
Georgia	\$1,254,148,068	\$854,334,154	-399,813,914	-13,913
Hawaii	\$161,397,489	\$108,732,842	-52,664,647	-1,833
Idaho	\$265,659,540	\$186,583,127	-79,076,413	-2,752
Illinois	\$1,226,941,903	\$860,514,023	-366,427,880	-12,751
Indiana	\$883,116,254	\$613,381,711	-269,734,544	-9,386
Iowa	\$422,814,986	\$275,671,959	-147,143,027	-5,120
Kansas	\$364,702,387	\$246,228,246	-118,474,141	-4,123
Kentucky	\$614,997,743	\$424,872,735	-190,125,008	-6,616
Louisiana	\$577,720,798	\$388,222,990	-189,497,808	-6,594
Maine	\$178,953,421	\$124,718,277	-54,235,144	-1,887
Maryland	\$578,678,880	\$388,200,419	-190,478,461	-6,628
Massachusetts	\$609,422,307	\$398,142,135	-211,280,172	-7,352
Michigan	\$1,007,665,781	\$762,900,607	-244,765,175	-8,518
Minnesota	\$575,827,393	\$433,242,592	-142,584,801	-4,962
Mississippi	\$433,794,557	\$300,588,496	-133,206,061	-4,635
Missouri	\$829,306,795	\$577,297,558	-252,009,237	-8,770
Montana	\$338,011,659	\$239,506,863	-98,504,796	-3,428
Nebraska	\$271,341,203	\$184,454,956	-86,886,247	-3,024
Nevada	\$274,821,219	\$173,608,407	-101,212,812	-3,522
New Hampshire	\$160,957,601	\$108,790,657	-52,166,944	-1,815
New Jersey	\$933,422,014	\$627,578,740	-305,843,274	-10,643
New Mexico	\$331,049,059	\$237,065,570	-93,983,489	-3,271
New York	\$1,652,187,126	\$1,082,942,105	-569,245,020	-19,809
North Carolina	\$982,279,233	\$690,898,439	-291,380,795	-10,140
North Dakota	\$226,404,974	\$155,931,552	-70,473,422	-2,452
Ohio	\$1,251,880,095	\$900,869,616	-351,010,479	-12,215
Oklahoma	\$542,557,073	\$369,868,439	-172,688,634	-6,009
Oregon	\$434,153,577	\$294,969,678	-139,183,898	-4,843
Pennsylvania	\$1,607,827,381	\$1,064,325,708	-543,501,672	-18,913
Rhode Island	\$200,252,272	\$131,121,237	-69,131,035	-2,406
South Carolina	\$572,462,981	\$390,280,157	-182,182,824	-6,340
South Dakota	\$245,963,474	\$174,549,231	-71,414,243	-2,485
Tennessee	\$768,763,258	\$533,198,427	-235,564,831	-8,197
Texas	\$2,802,411,108	\$1,942,990,215	-859,420,893	-29,907
Utah	\$273,508,721	\$188,070,215	-85,438,506	-2,973
Vermont	\$161,725,931	\$114,413,876	-47,312,055	-1,646
Virginia	\$907,625,718	\$636,053,577	-271,572,141	-9,450
Washington	\$623,821,456	\$416,592,681	-207,228,775	-7,211
West Virginia	\$391,319,504	\$271,937,690	-119,381,814	-4,154
Wisconsin	\$676,542,465	\$480,036,649	-196,505,816	-6,838
Wyoming	\$229,637,435	\$166,470,893	-63,166,542	-2,198
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,312,785,520</b>	<b>\$24,406,237,107</b>	<b>-10,906,548,414</b>	<b>-379,537</b>
Allocated Programs	4,127,089,170	1,909,255,590	(2,217,833,580)	
Undesignated High Priority Projects	1,513,574	1,061,467	(452,106)	
Projects of National & Regional Sig.	410,949,000	230,558,400	(180,390,600)	
National Corridor Infrastructure Program	449,988,000	252,460,800	(197,527,200)	
Transportation Projects	590,259,516	331,158,586	(259,100,930)	
Bridge (Sec. 144(g))	92,400,000	64,800,000	(27,600,000)	
Transfer to Sections 154 & 164	231,066,579	4,468,050	(226,598,529)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41,216,051,359</b>	<b>27,200,000,000</b>	<b>(14,016,051,359)</b>	

Source: Federal Highway Administration. Data include apportioned programs plus High Priority Projects.  
Transportation Construction Coalition analysis of job impact.