

January 19, 2016

Governor Doug Ducey &
Members, 52nd Arizona State Legislature
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Ducey & State Legislators,

Since 2001, over \$1.9 billion of dedicated funding has been transferred from Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) to pay for other government programs. In fact, this annual practice of diverting gas tax and other supposedly dedicated revenues for transportation increased this year as \$141 million was diverted from much needed infrastructure investment. We urge you to stop these funding transfers.

Taxpayers have a right to expect dedicated funding to be used for its intended purpose particularly when that purpose is of such importance to the state and substantially underfunded. ADOT has determined, and the Auditor General has reaffirmed that a \$63 billion funding gap exists between needs and revenues just on the state transportation system. Local road networks in cities, towns and counties, which also rely heavily on HURF, are facing comparable shortfalls.

Aging and inadequate infrastructure is not unique to Arizona. However, while we continue to delay addressing our transportation needs, other states have been very proactive. In 2015, twenty-three states passed legislation supporting transportation investment ranging from one-time revenue boosts to a prohibition on revenue transfers. Since 2013, twenty-one states have passed a gas tax or other recurring funding increase.

Our economy is greatly impacted by the quality of our infrastructure. Arizona's unique and strategic location provides tremendous opportunities for economic growth through interstate and international trade. Our competitiveness will be closely tied to our capacity for moving commerce through the state efficiently. Also, just the construction activity from building and maintaining our highways and roads has a tremendous economic impact. An estimated 7,100 direct private-sector jobs and another 3,400 indirect jobs are generated from every \$1 billion invested.

Transportation maintenance and improvements are of paramount importance to Arizona. Quality infrastructure leads to economic expansion in addition to impacting public safety, the environment, cost of living and quality of life. We urge you to stop the HURF and other transportation-related funding transfers and increase current transportation infrastructure investment levels.

Sincerely,
(See Attached Signatures)



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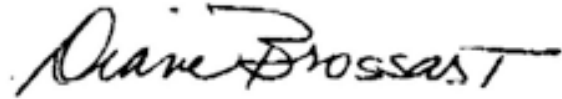
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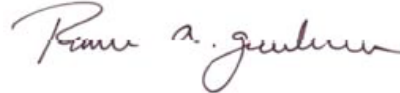
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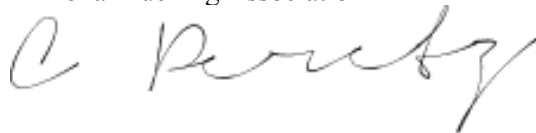
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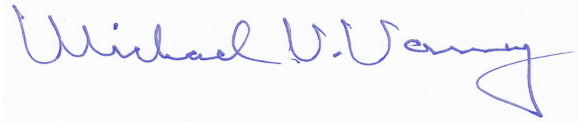
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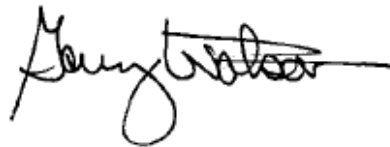
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