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**The Honorable John Boehner**  
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Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the 500,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I urge you to support and pass the Senate version of H.R. 5021, the Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014, which recently passed the Senate with bipartisan support.

It is imperative that Congress acts in order to ensure that the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) stays solvent and continues to fund transportation infrastructure until the end of the year.

We recognize that a measure to keep the HTF program funded is essential, but there is no good reason for Congress to abdicate its responsibilities and kick the can down the road into next year as some are insisting.

There is plenty of time in the fall to pass a well-funded, long-term reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs. Senator Boxer's amendment reduces the cost of the HTF patch and sets the expiration date for surface transportation programs on December 19, 2014, instead of May 2015. By reducing both the cost and duration of the patch, this amendment ensures that, at a minimum, Congress would have to revisit patching the Trust Fund in either September or during any lame-duck session. This will give Congress a chance to pass a long-term surface transportation reauthorization.

Duct taping our infrastructure through patches is not responsible. Failure to act on a long-term reauthorization bill by the end of this year will mean fewer jobs, fewer contracts, and fewer opportunities to effectively plan for the long term. Our members understand that as many as two million good construction jobs are at risk if Congress fails to act on a long-term highway bill and the federal Highway Trust Fund. This is not acceptable.

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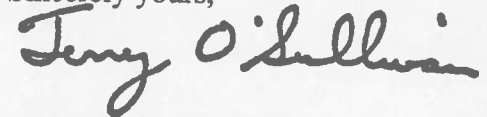
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Again, on behalf of LIUNA's members, I urge you to support the Senate version of H.R. 5021, and then work aggressively during the next few months to pass a long-term transportation reauthorization bill by the end of the year. It is time for Congress to act on a long term reauthorization of our surface transportation programs. Our country and our workers deserve more than that.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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