



October 2, 2008

Dear Representative:

As you prepare to vote on legislation designed to ease the current credit crunch, we want you to be aware that tight credit is already having a real world, negative impact on the transportation construction market. States are now reporting that they are either delaying or cancelling transportation improvement projects because they cannot get bond financing.

You should also be aware that extremely tight credit could cripple thousands of private-sector firms involved in the transportation design and construction market, which includes not only planning and engineering firms and construction contractors, but material and service suppliers and equipment manufacturers and distributors. Many of these firms depend on using their line of credit to meet payroll in response to fluctuations in cash flow. Without the availability of short-term credit, many jobs in the transportation construction industry are at risk.

This is not a problem that we can let linger. It puts our industry and many others at serious risk. In the case of transportation construction, it is already delaying capital improvements that will save lives and help grow the economy through transportation efficiencies.

We urge you to vote "YES" for the bipartisan legislative remedy that passed the Senate last night! As we do with all key legislation directly impacting our industry, we will let our 5,000 members know how you vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Peter Ruane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

T. Peter Ruane
President & CEO

