

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 15, 2012

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Eric Cantor
Majority Leader
H-329, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Sirs:

We commend you for your efforts to advance a long-term surface transportation reauthorization bill. We believe that legislation like this would help to restore much needed economic certainty and promote long-term job growth.

However, we write to you today to raise significant concerns with the federal highway formula funding allocated to Wisconsin in the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act (H.R. 7). Under the bill, Wisconsin's average formula funding would fall by 14 percent and the state's overall rate of return will drop to \$0.95.

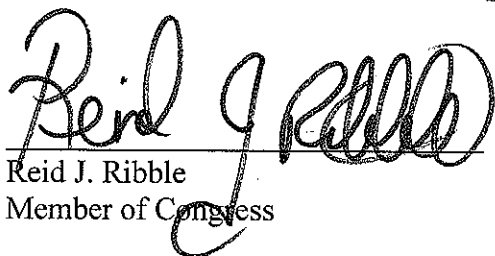
Cuts of this magnitude would result in losses of nearly \$63 million annually in contract authority for the state of Wisconsin. This places a disproportionate burden on the state, as Wisconsin is one of only five states to receive no increase in average annual formula funding in H.R. 7.

We are working with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and other stakeholders in the state, including the Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association, to consider possible changes to these formulas that may result in a better rate of return and greater long-term certainty for Wisconsin job creators like our builders and contractors.

We are supportive of your effort to move this legislation and we strongly believe in many of its core components, such as program consolidation, streamlined project delivery, and additional flexibility for states and localities, but the funding cuts would be extremely detrimental to Wisconsin. We recognize that House action represents the beginning, not the end, of this process and we look forward to working with you as the bill moves forward to improve Wisconsin's stake in this much-needed legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns. We look forward to resolving this issue with you.

Sincerely,



Reid J. Ribble
Member of Congress



Sean P. Duffy
Member of Congress

CC: The Honorable John Mica, Chairman, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee