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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Bill Shuster
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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member
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Committee
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Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio,

Thank you for your leadership in moving a long term surface transportation authorization. We are writing to request that the Committee include robust Complete Streets provisions to ensure that roadways safely accommodate users of all ages and modes of transportation, including motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Earlier this year we introduced the Safe Streets Act, bipartisan legislation that could be used as a model for Complete Streets policy language. Given the number of lives that could be saved by ensuring that all users of the road are considered in all the planning phases of transportation projects, we ask that you include Complete Streets provisions in the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015.

Roads should be designed to maximize the safety of all who use them. Throughout the country we have seen time and time again the tragedies that occur when roads are designed poorly. We believe that requiring a Complete Streets policy would have a demonstrably positive effect on the safety of our roadways.

Sincerely,



Doris Matsui
Member of Congress



David P. Joyce
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Steve Israel
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