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The Honorable James L. Oberstar
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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

We should apply our jurisdictional authority to H.R. 2454, the "American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009." This legislation will impact programs authorized by this Committee. Additionally, this bill would create a jurisdictional overlap between the Energy and Commerce Committee and Transportation & Infrastructure Committee that merits examination.

H.R. 2454 will impact the transportation community in significant ways. Among other things, the legislation proposes significant changes to the existing transportation planning processes for state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations. Currently, transportation planning processes are established in statute and administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation. This legislation requires statewide and metropolitan transportation plans to include goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and gives the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a prominent role in the oversight of the transportation planning process.

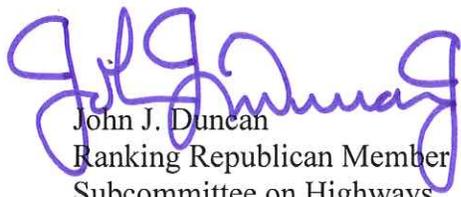
We ask that our Committee examine H.R. 2454 for repercussions to programs authorized by this Committee. It is the Committee's responsibility to hold public hearings on the impacts this legislation will have on transportation and infrastructure programs. It is also imperative that all Members on the Committee have an opportunity to offer amendments on provisions of the bill that have been referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with you on this matter.

Sincerely,

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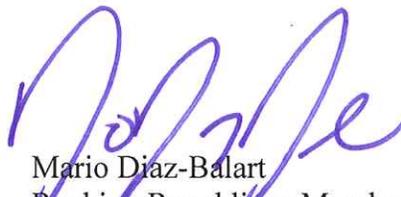
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