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Members of Congress:

As you examine agency budgets for the remainder of fiscal year 2011, we strongly urge you to fully fund the U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA).

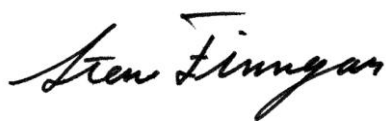
Through the use of the TIFIA program, state and local governments are able to invest in nationally and regionally significant transportation infrastructure projects. These projects create thousands of much needed construction related jobs and, just as important, improve the transportation system of this country. TIFIA provides credit assistance such as low-interest direct loans to leverage scarce federal funds and support projects that utilize a specific local revenue stream for repayment.

TIFIA is a highly successful federal program and is currently oversubscribed. There are many more projects awaiting TIFIA type assistance than the funding available under the program. The TIFIA program remains one of the critical methods available in this country to advance major transportation projects by leveraging private sector funding. While we would like to see the program's capacity increased and are working to do so as part of the SAFETEA-LU authorization process, it is critical that Congress provide the authorized level of \$122 million this fiscal year. Given the fact that this authorized level can be leveraged to over a billion dollars of infrastructure investment, there are few federal programs that provide this return-on-investment for the American taxpayer and the economy as a whole.

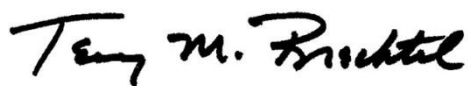
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

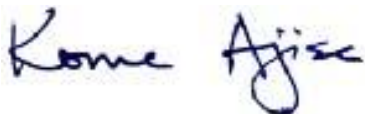
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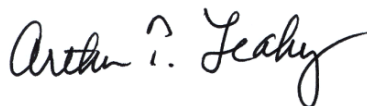
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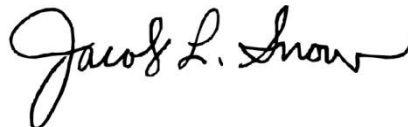
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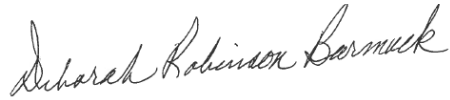
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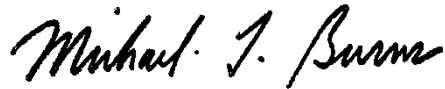
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