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Rep. Dave Camp
Chair, Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20551

Rep. Sander M. Levin
Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 3864, Surface Transportation Finance and Highway Trust Fund

Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

On behalf of nearly 9,000 individual, corporate and public agency members, the Construction Management Association of America would like to add its voice to the hundreds of others expressing dismay at the Ways and Means Committee's action in discontinuing funding for transit programs through the Highway Trust Fund.

A one-time transfer of General Fund revenues, even assuming such a transfer actually occurs in the light of current budget concerns, represents a disastrous retreat by the national government from a decades-old commitment to an efficient, multimodal transportation system. Under current provisions of H.R. 3864, local transit agencies would not be able to plan their future investments, nor would the Federal Transit Administration be able to honor its grant agreements.

Public transportation reduces congestion and pollution, supports economic growth and serves as the sole, indispensable means of transportation for many millions of citizens. Transit certainly cannot be properly considered "alternative transportation."

Our national commitment to mass transit is critically important and must be maintained. CMAA strongly urges the Committee to reject this provision of H.R. 3864 and continue our historic, secure funding of transit through the Highway Trust Fund.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce D'Agostino". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bruce D'Agostino, CAE, FCMAA
President and CEO