



Dec. 6, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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Washington D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
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Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader
United States House of Representatives
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RE: Repeal of the \$7.6 billion FAST Act Highway Rescission

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, Leader Schumer and Leader McCarthy:

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the bipartisan organization representing the legislatures of our nation's states, territories, and commonwealths, expresses our sincere gratitude for repealing Section 1438 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act in the Further Continuing Appropriations Act, and Further Health Extenders Act of 2019.

By repealing the \$7.6 billion rescission of highway contract authority originally scheduled for July 1, 2020, states will now have greater certainty in delivering transportation improvements in every part of the country. Furthermore, by restoring federal highway funding flexibility through this repeal, states can optimize their asset management efforts, which are intended to meet key national performance targets. This repeal is an important first step in ensuring preservation of the annual funding increases enabled by the FAST Act as you work to enact the next surface transportation reauthorization in the coming months.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact NCSL staff Ben Husch, at 202-624-7779 or ben.husch@ncsl.org. Thank you for your leadership and support for our nation's transportation infrastructure through this much-needed legislative action.

Sincerely,

Representative Stephen Handy
Co-Chair NCSL Natural Resources and
Infrastructure Committee
Utah House of Representatives

Representative Andrew McLean
Co-Chair NCSL Natural Resources and
Infrastructure Committee
Maine House of Representatives