

Call Congress Dec ember 10!

While Congress is embroiled in other high profile issues, senators and representatives must be reminded about the need to address the expired Highway and Transit program authorization. In visits by TCC members on Capitol Hill, members of Congress report they are not hearing from people at home. They need to hear from you.

TCC would like to blitz Congressional offices with calls from constituents. To do this, a toll-free number has been set up to allow calls directly to the offices of your senators and representative at **(888) 448-2782**. While e-mail and letters are helpful, phone calls require an individual to answer and to make note of why you are calling.

Please plan to call on Dec. 10 and make the following points:

(Name of state) has huge transportation needs that are not being met, including deficient bridges, deteriorating pavements, congested roads and safety hazards.

- In addition, the construction industry has an unemployment rate of more than 18 percent.
- Without the certainty of a long term authorization bill, with increased funding levels, construction companies and material suppliers in our state will be forced to lay off additional workers.
- Businesses will not invest in new equipment when there is so much uncertainty about the on-going and future construction market.
- Congress must do its job and delay no longer. Pass a six-year transportation authorization bill now and provide the revenue necessary to increase funding to address (name of state) short term need for jobs and long term economic growth.

In addition, the TCC has set Dec. 10 for delivery of a letter to Congress signed by various organizations in each state urging action on a multi-year, surface transportation reauthorization. TCC is asking its members to encourage state-affiliated organizations or chapters to sign the letter (attached below) and urge other business and civic groups to sign, as well. The latest list of signers is attached, but some states do not yet have any signatories. Groups wanting to sign the letter need only indicate as much by sending an e-mail to: info@transportationconstructioncoalition.org

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