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Members of the Senate Infrastructure Modernization Committee:

Since the West Michigan Policy Forum's inception in 2008, updating transportation funding and creating long-term sustainability for infrastructure has been at the top of our priority list. We are pleased to see the momentum in the Legislature begin to address this issue. Immediate action will help save money and sets the stage for growth.

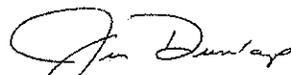
The WMPF has been visiting with more than 100 CEOs from Traverse City to Muskegon and Grand Rapids. In all of our conversations, CEOs have expressed the sentiment that Michigan should take the long road rather than short cuts when it comes to investing in our state's infrastructure. When Michigan CEOs learn how much our state is spending per person on transportation as compared to neighboring states, they know the plan from the House to invest approximately \$500 million is simply NOT enough. Voters want potholes fixed; CEOs need to see a plan designed to maintain current roads and bridges and begin to invest in the future of transportation and infrastructure as a whole. Our conversations around the state are showing that the real number to invest is likely closer to \$2 billion. Let's not be short-sighted on this very important decision for Michigan's future.

It is time to be responsible and act boldly.

Whatever investment plan is devised, we feel strongly that it should be a long-term, sustainable solution. We are committed to seeing this through. Please guide us as to how we can support your work to tackle this issue in a comprehensive manner.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue and all you do to keep Michigan moving in the right direction.

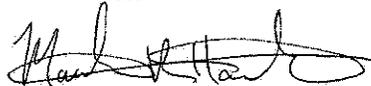
Sincerely,



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