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Dear Speaker Duran, Senate President Grantham, House Minority Leader Neville and Senate Minority Leader Garcia –

It is time to solve Colorado's transportation crisis. For too long, the issue has been avoided or ignored, while our state has seen massive population growth. Due to our growth without action, we are seeing more traffic accidents, more congestion and growing costs to doing business in our state.

That's why we are writing you to urge you to pass Senate Bill 1 – the compromise transportation funding measure that passed the State Senate with a unanimous 35-0 vote. With such overwhelming support, and such little time left in the legislative session, we believe it's vital to keep the major areas of agreement in this historic compromise intact.

Critically, SB1 puts nearly a half billion dollars towards roads from this year's budget surplus, and commits \$250 million a year for 20 years from the General Fund to help fund a bond measure to go before voters in 2019.

If passed, SB1 would amount to the largest investment in Colorado's transportation infrastructure in 20 years.

This is an issue that is not just important to the business community or a small sliver of the electorate. The state of our roads and bridges are impacting every last resident of the state. Whether it is long commutes keeping parents away from their children, higher costs to businesses and consumers for goods due to increased congestion, or wear and tear of vehicles eating away at family budgets, this issue touches everyone.

Ask any TV channel, radio station, or newspaper – the number one complaint they hear from their viewers, listeners and readers is about our roads. Voters are paying attention to whether this issue is solved or not.

The legislature should not gavel out of this session without solving this issue.

The legislature has an opportunity and a risk here – they can demonstrate that solutions to our most vexing problems are possible, or they can reinforce the cynical view many people increasingly have, watching big problems become overcome by the smallness of our politics.

Don't let this important legislative solution get jammed up in political traffic. It's time to fix our roads.

Signed,



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