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Immediate Attention Requested

October 13, 2009

**To: Members of the House Steel Caucus
House Staff Assigned to Steel and/ or Transportation Issues**

**PLEASE SIGN ONTO THE ATTACHED LETTER TO SPEAKER PELOSI IN SUPPORT
OF PASSING A LONG TERM SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT**

Situation: House Steel Caucus Chairman Peter Visclosky and Vice Chair Tim Murphy are circulating the attached letter asking that Members of the Caucus sign on in support of passing a long-term surface transportation authorization bill in order to improve the health and safety of citizens, create jobs, and aid to our economic recovery. The steel industry supports expeditious passage of a surface transportation authorization that provides adequate levels of funding for all federal infrastructure needs, including, highways, waterways, rail, aviation, and pipelines.

Request: Please sign onto the attached letter and contact Kevin Spicer in Congressman Visclosky's office (52461) or Aric Nesbitt in Congressman Murphy's office (52301).

Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of American manufacturing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Gibson".

Thomas J. Gibson
President and CEO

October XX, 2009

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
U.S. House of Representatives
H232 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

We are writing as members of the Congressional Steel Caucus to share our strong support for passage of a surface transportation authorization bill as soon as possible in order to help grow jobs and aid in our nation's economic recovery.

Providing federal funds for infrastructure projects provides jobs and revenue to state and local communities, and has a positive impact on a wide array of individuals from steel producers, to suppliers, to manufacturers of goods. As you may know, a Department of Transportation study reported that every \$1 billion invested in federal highways supports nearly 35,000 American jobs. Timely infrastructure funding will truly be the second stimulus package.

In order to continue to be a global leader, the U.S. must upgrade its crumbling infrastructure. For years we haven't invested enough funding to sustain our current infrastructure, let alone keep up with our expanding needs. The American Society of Civil Engineers has estimated that \$1.6 trillion is needed over a five year period to bring the nation's infrastructure to a "good condition." We support providing adequate levels of funding in the reauthorization for all federal infrastructure needs, including highways, waterways, rail, aviation, and pipelines.

Again, we believe that it is vitally important for Congress to take on the surface transportation reauthorization bill in an expeditious manner. The uncertainty from a series of extensions and stop-gap funding measures will have a negative impact on states, contractors, suppliers, and small businesses, and will only continue to inhibit our economic recovery.

Sincerely,

Cc: Majority Leader Steny Hoyer
Majority Whip James Clyburn
Chief Deputy Majority Whip John Lewis
Representative James Oberstar
Representative John Mica
Representative Peter DeFazio
Representative John Duncan