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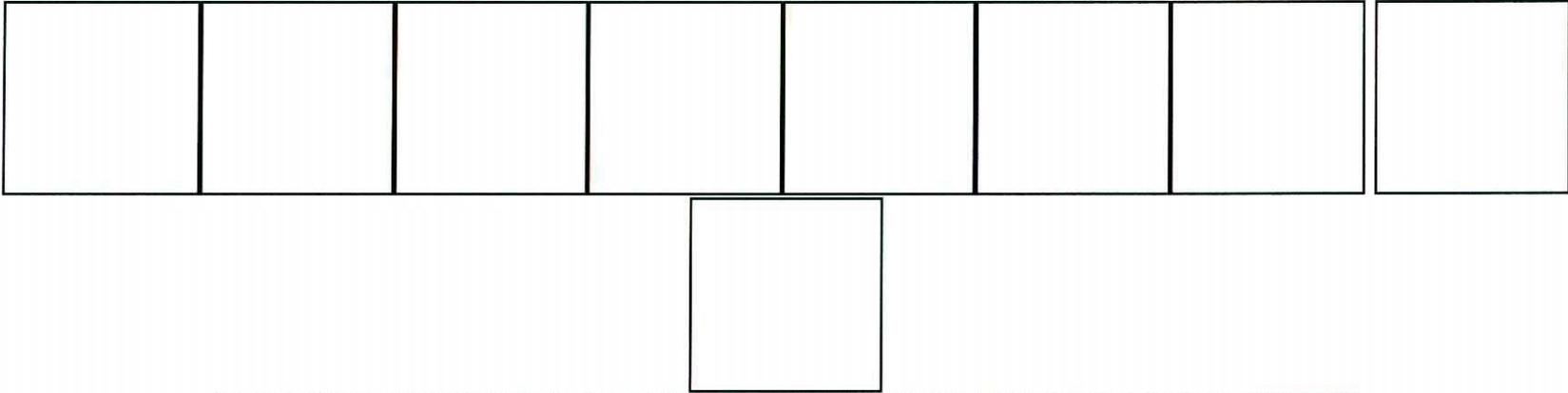
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Dear Partners, Associates and Supporters,

We need your immediate assistance as Congress has released a new bill that funds transportation for the United States that we feel is not in our Country's best interest as written. While it is critical that we move forward as a country on this initiative, we do not believe some of the amendments being presented make any

sense going forward. In particular a part of the bill that was introduced calls on cutting dedicated funding for Mass Transit. This dedicated funding stream for Mass Transit was put into place by President Reagan and the cut has the potential to eliminate over \$25 Billion Dollars for transit systems across the U.S. This constitutes 50% of the current funding for Mass Transit in the U.S. This comes at a time where transit systems are experiencing record high ridership throughout the U.S.

There is also a proposal to combine several programs including CMAQ, from which most TMA's across the U.S. receive some part of their funding. While the CMAQ program is flawed, the alternative being presented is worse. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee will be voting on this bill early Friday morning. We implore you to contact your Congressional representatives immediately in the area that you live and where your work is located.

We are not alone in opposing this part of the bill as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Association of State Highway Transportation Officials, the American Public Transportation Association, Association for Commuter Transportation, and Transportation 4 America are all opposed to this part of the bill. For more information you can read the following information:

APTA: [http://www.apta.com/gap/letters/2012/Pages/120202\\_mica\\_rahall.aspx](http://www.apta.com/gap/letters/2012/Pages/120202_mica_rahall.aspx)

ACT: <http://www.actweb.org/>

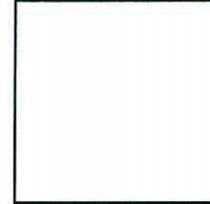
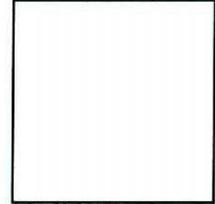
T4: <http://t4america.org/blog/2012/02/02/house-leadership-making-unprecedented-assault-on-public-transit/>

Thank you in advance,  
John F. Ciaffone  
TransOptions President

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