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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Graves:

The American Road & Transportation Builders Association strongly supports the package of highway user fees released today as part of the House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee's budget reconciliation proposal.

The user fee concept has been a cornerstone of federal investments in critical highway, bridge and public transportation improvements since the creation of the Interstate Highway System nearly 70 years ago. These resources support the national infrastructure network that serves as the circulatory system of the U.S. economy and enables the personal mobility synonymous with the freedom entitled to every American.

Highway Trust Fund (HTF) revenues, however, have not kept pace with the growing demands placed on the nation's surface transportation system, thereby necessitating the practice of relying on federal general funds to supplement a revenue base that has remained static for over 20 years. As a result, state transportation improvement programs that rely on federal-aid for over 50 percent of their capital investments have been plagued by uncertainty from recurring trust fund revenue shortfalls.

The proposal you are advancing would restore equity to the HTF's user fee foundation by ensuring owners of electric vehicles financially support improvements to the road and bridge network from which they directly benefit and begins an overdue dialogue about how to pay for future federal surface transportation investments.

We urge all members of the House T&I Committee to support your proposal to help provide their states with a robust and reliable federal partner in the shared goal of delivering a 21st Century national surface transportation network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Bauer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David C. Bauer
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