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Dear Congressman Knollenberg:

I write in support of legislation to repair and rehabilitate the nation's bridges and funding to improve our inadequate roads network. The often fragile conditions of our nation's infrastructure are beginning to threaten our daily lives and livelihood, and something must be done to reverse these trends.

The American Society of Civil Engineers gave the nation's bridges a grade of C in its 2005 Report Card for America's Infrastructure, and over 153,000 bridges are classified as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. Our roads fared even worse, with a grade of D. Poor road conditions cost U.S. motorists $54 billion a year in repairs and operating costs, and congestion costs an additional $63.1 billion a year in lost time and wasted fuel.

I also am sending this letter because after working for the Shiawassee County Road Commission I found out that many bridges in Shiawassee County are old and crumbling. Without money to fix these bridges some of the roads are being closed off or having restricted weight limits which hurts the local farmers. With this program our roads will be saved.

Please support legislation to create the National Highway System Bridge Reconstruction Program when it is introduced in the House of Representatives. This important bill would establish a dedicated trust fund to repair, rehabilitate and rebuild ailing bridges.

In addition, please support transportation funding levels approved by the House of Representatives in July throughout the FY 2008 appropriations process. These are the minimum levels that should be considered to start addressing our vast surface transportation needs.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,

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