Honorable Spencer Bachus 442 Cannon House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Richard Baker 341 Cannon House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Doug Bereuter 2184 Rayburn House Office Building Washington DC 20515-2701

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Honorable Tim Bishop 1133 Longworth House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Corrine Brown 2444 Rayburn House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Julia Carson 1535 Longworth House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Chris Chocola 510 Cannon House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Howard Coble 2468 Rayburn House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Jerry Costello 2454 Rayburn House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Elijah Cummings 1632 Longworth House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Peter DeFazio 2134 Rayburn House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Peter Hoekstra 2234 Rayburn House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson 1511 Longworth House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Frank LoBiondo 225 Cannon House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Juanita Millender-McDonald 1514 Longworth House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Gary Miller 1037 Longworth House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Jerrold Nadler 2334 Rayburn House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Eleanor Norton 2136 Rayburn House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable James Oberstar Ranking Member, Transportation and Infrastructure 2365 Rayburn House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Bill Pascrell Jr. 1722 Longworth House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Thomas Petri Chairman, Highways, Transit & Pipelines 2462 Rayburn House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Jack Quinn 2448 Rayburn House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable John Sullivan 114 Cannon House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Ellen Tauscher 1034 Longworth House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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Honorable Don Young Chairman, Transportation and Infrastructure 2111 Rayburn House Office Building Washington DC 20515

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An investment in transportation is an investment in quality of life for American citizens and an investment in the machinery that drives the American economy. Please vote in favor of H.R. 3550. Thank you.

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