

August 24, 2011

The Honorable Aaron Schock  
U.S. Congressman  
100 N.E. Monroe, Room 100  
Peoria, IL 61602

Dear Congressman Schock:

Attached you will find a statement signed by myself and six other voters in your district. The signatories range in age from 18 to 51, and come from all walks of life. Yet we all have one thing in common – and one thing to ask of you. We all believe that investing in America by investing in the transportation infrastructure that underlies all other economic activity is the best, positive step that you and your colleagues in Congress could do for the country. We know that keeping infrastructure investment at current levels means subsidizing the Highway Trust Fund with general revenues. And we know that general revenues are hard to come by these days. But we hope you will agree that spending like this has too much positive economic benefit to let it be reduced – putting unemployed laborers to work and helping them save their homes from foreclosure, rewarding efficient and hard-working family businesses that hire these workers, and rebuilding our infrastructure to keep transportation costs low and the cost of goods down as a result.

The federal gas tax and the surface transportation authorization expire in just over a month. We are counting on you to be part of a growing chorus of rational, common sense policymakers who understand that some spending by government is key to the health and strength of this great country. Please support and be a vocal leader on the issue of maintaining infrastructure spending, particularly in these difficult fiscal times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Morrison". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

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(Managing Director of Transportation for Illinois Coalition)

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To Congressman Schuck  
(Member of Congress)

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Name Jennifer Morrison (Jennifer Morrison)  
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Gary Schock  
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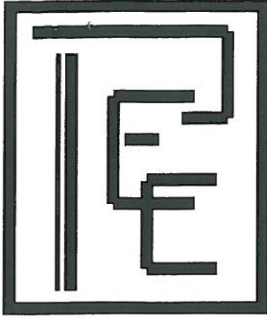
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August 8, 2011

Dear:

Enclosed you will find a petition which identifies the fact that myself and 5 other constituents feel that would we like to see our tax dollars reinvested in our infrastructure.

Of great concern to all of us is the fact that the federal gas tax may be allowed to expire at the end of September. This would be a terrible thing to allow to happen.

Not only should the gas tax, at a minimum, be reinstated, I believe, and so do the constituents that it should be increased as it hasn't changed in over 20 year. With the better mileage that vehicles are getting today, the tax itself is diminishing in its ability to provide funding to maintain and improve the infrastructure of our country.

Through history the downfall of many of the great civilizations such as the Romans and the Greeks was that they allowed their infrastructure to deteriorate. Don't let the United States of America be the next great country that finds itself written up in the history books as one that followed the same path by allowing its infrasturur to deteriorate.

Improving our infrastructure creates jobs and keeps jobs in America. These jobs cannot be exported to foreign countries. The return on this investment is huge as far as reducing the deficit and creating more tax dollars.

We implore you to invest our tax dollars in ourselves and use the money to rebuild our infrastructure upon which all the economic drivers in our country is based.

Respectfully Submitted

Chris Newkirk  
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