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Chairman Ted Cruz
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation
Washington, D.C. 20510

Ranking Member Maria Cantwell
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Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell:

As Chair of the Senate Western Caucus, I want to express my gratitude for your leadership on the Surface Transportation Reauthorization. The American West is a region defined by innovation, boundless opportunity, and a proud spirit of independence and self-reliance. It is also home to some of our nation's most remarkable wildlife and natural landscapes. I write today to emphasize the critical importance of ensuring that the unique priorities of the Western states are fully reflected in the Surface Transportation Reauthorization.

As you are well aware, the Senate Western Caucus is composed of 29 Senators representing states west of the Mississippi River, united in their commitment to preserving the core values that define the West. The region's vast landscapes and rugged terrain require transportation infrastructure solutions that prioritize rural connectivity, maintain and improve critical highways and roadways, and support multimodal networks capable of withstanding our unique challenges. We respectfully request that the reauthorization includes improved funding mechanisms that accurately reflect the needs of our rural communities.

As the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation develops this legislation, I offer the Western Caucus as a resource. Thank you for your leadership, and I look forward to collaborating on these critical initiatives.

Sincerely,



Cynthia M. Lummis
United States Senator