

Instructions for Completing a Formal Letter of Endorsement:

1. Personalize the letter below as you see fit.
2. Print a copy for each Senator/Representative on your letterhead. (the names and addresses are provided below)
3. Have the Mayor, Director, Chair etc. to sign the letters. (whomever is most appropriate)
4. STOP! Don't mail the letters immediately. First scan/send a copy of each signed letter to our outreach associate at dorien.blythers@t4america.org. We will use these letters in meetings to build support.
5. Mail the letters.
6. Spread the word! We can't have too many of these letters from elected officials, chambers, and other businesses; they are a really powerful tool and even more-so the more we have. Let us know if there's anyone we should be talking to, a group or region we should pursue, and of course please send folks our way.
7. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any question.

SEE LETTER TEMPLATE BELOW

Representatives

Honorable Roger Wicker
United States Senate
555 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Dina Titus
United States House of Representatives
401 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Senators

Honorable Cory Booker
United States Senate
141 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Rodney Davis
United States House of Representatives
1740 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Honorable Dina Titus
United States House of Representatives
401 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Titus:

I want to thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to advancing an efficient and safe transportation system. As you are aware, our state's economic strength depends upon our cities, towns, and suburbs having the resources they need to attract and retain businesses and provide opportunities for residents to prosper.

Local jurisdictions face the twin demands of maintaining aging infrastructure and preparing for future growth, but with constrained funding. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) surface transportation authorization bill negatively impacted local jurisdictions' ability to address these issues. MAP-21 provides local jurisdictions' direct access to less than 8% of the Federal highway program, which is too small for us to maintain our transportation system, attract businesses to spur economic development while also guaranteeing safe travel for our residents.

This is why we support your efforts to provide greater access to funding and decision-making to our local jurisdictions during the upcoming Federal transportation reauthorization process. Your Innovation in Surface Transportation Act of 2014 (H.R. 4726) will unlock Federal transportation funding to allow us to advance our locally-driven innovative solutions for our unique transportation challenges. The most cost-effective and economically important projects will rise to the top. Through this competition we will also be driven to develop better projects and bring forth greater local and private dollars as our match, which will leverage the constrained Federal monies even farther.

We stand behind you and are extremely appreciative that you are championing this innovative and important policy, and request that you continue to push for that this policy be included in the final bill that passes the Senate. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely