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***MGA CALLS ON CONGRESS TO FIX
HIGHWAY TRUST FUND SHORTFALL***

Washington, D.C. – The Midwestern Governors Association (MGA) is calling on Congress to fix the looming shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund (HTF). In a letter sent on behalf of the MGA by its chair, South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds, and vice chair, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the governors stress the need to quickly solve the shortfall to allow states to adequately plan their transportation projects.

Addressing the looming shortfall of the HTF is the first component of MGA chair's agenda - *Transportation for Energy, People, and Products*.

“Fixing and maintaining our current transportation system is of vital importance to our economy,” Rounds said. “While states continue to do all we can to invest and address our transportation needs, the federal government needs to continue to do its part by solving the projected shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund.”

“Our nation's highway system is critical to the growth of our states' economies,” said Granholm. “As the nation's infrastructure ages and endures more traffic, ensuring that the Highway Trust Fund can provide support for repairs and upgrades is critical for business and citizens.”

The Midwestern Governors Association (MGA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that brings together the governors of 12 states to work cooperatively on public policy issues of significance to the Midwestern region. In addition to Rounds and Granholm, the current members of the MGA include: Gov. Rod Blagojevich (Ill.), Gov. Mitch Daniels (Ind.), Gov. Chet Culver (Iowa), Gov. Kathleen Sebelius (Kansas), Gov. Tim Pawlenty (Minn.), Gov. Matt Blunt (Mo.), Gov. Dave Heineman (Neb.), Gov. John Hoeven (N.D.), Gov. Ted Strickland (Ohio), and Gov. Jim Doyle (Wis.).

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