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***MGA Applauds U.S. House on Vote to Fix
Highway Trust Fund Shortfall***

Washington, D.C. – The Midwestern Governors Association (MGA) applauds the U.S. House of Representatives for its recent vote to fix the looming shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund (HTF).

While this action is only a temporary fix to a continuing problem, it is imperative to ensure funding for transportation projects already incorporated into state budgets.

“The Highway Trust Fund shortfall is a critical issue that must be resolved,” says South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds, chair of the MGA. “The U.S. Senate should act quickly to complete this temporary response allowing highway projects planned and needed in the states to proceed.”

“This is a step toward fixing the looming shortfall of the Highway Trust Fund,” adds Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, vice chair of the MGA. “Until Congress finishes its action on fixing the HTF, states’ transportation projects will remain in limbo, putting our state economies at risk.”

In June, the MGA leadership sent a letter to Congress urging action to fix the shortfall. Addressing the looming shortfall of the HTF is the first component of Rounds’ agenda as MGA chair - *Transportation for Energy, People, and Products*.

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 are 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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