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July 20, 2004

The Honorable  
United States House of Representatives/Senate  
Washington, DC 20515/20510

Dear Representative/Senator:

We are writing to ask your help in securing needed funding for the roads in America's national parks.

America's national parks are internationally prominent and provide significant benefits to the nation in a variety of ways. Our parks attract hundreds of millions of Americans and international visitors each year, generating billions of dollars in spending vital to gateway communities. Our parks are also priceless classrooms for history and science lessons that will be remembered for a lifetime. These special areas foster new perspectives and shared experiences for families and friends, unite a large and diverse nation, and help restore the well-being of the millions who turn to them for respite from the stress of daily life.

Roads are a vital part of our national park system. Some estimates place more than 95% of all park use on these roads and in the immediate surrounding area. Not too many years ago, many of these roads were in poor and deteriorating condition and impaired visitor experience.

As recently as 1997, 40% of our park road system was classified as "poor" in condition. Bipartisan support has substantially changed this situation. In ISTEA and TEA-21, funding for park roads increased significantly and today, less than 20% of park roads fall into the "poor" category. Continued investment to improve park roads will enhance the park experience for millions of visitors and reap benefits for the communities that depend on travel and tourism dollars. We support the National Park Service's goals of further reducing the percentage of roads categorized as "poor" to 11% and elevating the percentage classed as "good" from the current level of 35% to 82% by 2009.

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The undersigned organizations are delighted that the higher levels of funding for park roads needed to reach these goals have been requested by President Bush and have been approved by both the Senate and the House in now-pending surface transportation legislation. We urge that this increase be incorporated both in any comprehensive, multi-year bill enacted by the Congress and in any shorter extensions of current surface transportation programs.

Respectfully,

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