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Thank you. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am Aves Thompson, Executive Director of the Alaska Trucking Association. The Alaska Trucking Association is a state wide organization representing the interests of our nearly 200 member companies from Barrow to Ketchikan. Freight movement represents a large chunk of our economy and impacts all of us each and every day. The simple truth is that “if you got it, a truck brought it.”



If you got it, a truck brought it...

One of the priorities of the Alaska Trucking Association has been a state funded capital projects program as federal funding is very likely to decrease to a point where it will no longer meet Alaska's transportation infrastructure needs. Alaska needs to invest our dollars in our transportation system.

We believe that current proposed legislation will go a long way to setting the stage for a robust state funded capital projects program that will benefit all motorists as well as other users of other transportation modes.

As the largest payer of the state motor fuel tax, the trucking industry is pleased to see an effort to devote



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these user fees to the improvement and expansion of
our state highway system infrastructure. ^{HISTORICALLY,} As an
association, we have supported fuel tax increase
proposals in the past, provided they are dedicated to
the highway system.

We are hopeful that consideration will be given to
providing a larger voice in the input process to the
freight moving industries, i.e. highway, air, rail,
water... Freight mobility is the glue that keeps all of
our economy together. Consumer goods,
construction and oilfield equipment, fishing, mining,
you name it and freight mobility makes it all happen.
It is anticipated by the US DOT that freight
movements will double in the next 20 years and US
DOT and Congress have taken steps to deal with



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these kind of increases. Freight specific programs have developed at the federal level and funding reauthorization places an emphasis on freight movement. States will be required to establish freight programs to be eligible for continued funding. For these reasons, we are hopeful that there will be a mechanism for the freight industry to participate in the decision making process.

We believe the Transportation Infrastructure Fund has the potential to supplement existing programs and help meet the transportation needs for the foreseeable future. ATA supports HJR10, HB122 and HB123. Thank you.



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