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Requesting the Congress to remove the Highway Trust Fund and the Airport and Airway Trust Fund from the Unified Federal Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature believes it is inappropriate that the dedicated trust funds for highways and airports are subject to the Unified Federal Budget process; and

WHEREAS the highway and airport trust funds are funded by user fees collected in advance of expenditure and are dedicated to highway and airport improvement programs; and

WHEREAS, at the national level, the Highway Trust Fund can support an annual spending level of over \$15,000,000,000 and the Airport and Airway Trust Fund can support an annual spending level of \$5,000,000,000; and

WHEREAS inclusion in the Unified Federal Budget has limited appropriations from the Highway Trust Fund to less than \$13,000,000,000 a year and appropriations from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund to approximately \$3,500,000,000 a year; and

WHEREAS the inclusion of appropriations from the highway and airport trust funds in the Unified Federal Budget prevents Alaska from receiving \$20,000,000 each year in highway funds and \$6,000,000 each year in airport funds to which the state is entitled; and

WHEREAS reductions in highway and airport transportation trust fund appropriations hamper Alaska's, as well as the other states', ability to address identified, critical transportation needs; and

WHEREAS the money in the highway and airport trust funds cannot be transferred to other programs included in the Unified

Federal Budget; and

WHEREAS limitations on highway and airport trust fund expenditures reduce only the total federal budget but do not result in a real reduction in the federal deficit;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Congress to remove the Highway Trust Fund and the Airport and Airway Trust Fund from the Unified Federal Budget.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States; to the Honorable George Bush, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable James H. Burnley IV, Secretary of Transportation; the Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.