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The Honorable Dustin Burrows
Texas House of Representatives
P.O. Box 2910
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RE: Keep the Highway Funding Promise

Dear Representative Burrows,

We write today to respectfully ask you to vote against House Concurrent Resolution 108 and to keep funding for the Texas highway system in place.

Transportation continues to be one of the most vital issues for the Lubbock Chamber, specifically maintaining the state's highway system that is so important to the movement of commerce across Texas. In 2013 and 2015, the Texas legislature recognized this issue and asked Texas voters if they wanted to use existing revenues to begin addressing the growing highway funding gap. The Lubbock Chamber endorsed both ballot measures, and Texans voted "yes" on Proposition 1 in 2013 and Proposition 7 in 2015. These Propositions gave Texans a voice in this matter, and their voice should be honored.

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce is the largest business federation on the High Plains and represents nearly 80,000 employees from more than 2,000 businesses. We stand alongside other groups like the Transportation Advocates of Texas and the Ports-to-Plains Alliance in maintaining revenue to the state highway system due to its importance in connecting communities, moving commerce, and creating jobs in Texas.

Please encourage your Colleagues to vote "no" on HCR 108 if it makes it to the House floor and inform them that you oppose any budgetary diversion of dedicated Proposition 7 funds away from new highway construction.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to serving the people of West Texas.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eddie McBride', written in a cursive style.

Eddie McBride, IOM
President and CEO

