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The Honorable John L. Mica
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2165 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear ^{John}Chairman Mica:

Thank you for joining me last night to listen to President Barack Obama address the Joint Session of Congress and outline his plan, the American Jobs Act, to create American jobs and restore our Nation's economic growth. The American Jobs Act includes critical investments in transportation infrastructure, including \$50 billion of additional grants for highway, transit, rail, and aviation investments and \$10 billion to capitalize a National Infrastructure Bank.

The Nation desperately needs infrastructure investment and the family-wage jobs that these construction projects will create. With more than one million construction workers still out of work, I share the President's urgency that Congress act now and on a bipartisan basis to adopt an American Jobs bill. In the great bipartisan tradition of our Committee leading the way on infrastructure investment and creating jobs, I urge the Committee to hold hearings and legislative action on the American Jobs Act as soon as possible.

With warm regards, I am,

Sincerely,

NICK J. RAHALL, II
Ranking Member
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