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LANCE M. LARSON
Director of Legislative Affairs

September 23, 2009

The Honorable Anthony Adams
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Highway User Tax Account funds (HUTA) FY 2009-10 Budget Revision Vote

Dear Anthony:

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The Honorable Paul Cook
California State Assembly
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The Honorable Bill Emmerson
California State Assembly
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The Honorable Curt Hagman
California State Assembly
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The Honorable Connie Conway
California State Assembly
State Capitol
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The Honorable Steve Knight
California State Assembly
State Capitol
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California State Senate
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The Honorable Wilmer Amina Carter
California State Assembly
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The Honorable Norma Torres
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