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The Honorable Ray LaHood Secretary of Transportation Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary

First, I would like to express my support for the Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative, and extend my appreciation to the Department of Transportation for formulating such an important proposal. As you know, the Department of Labor has been an active participant on the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility. I believe both agencies have already greatly benefitted from our mutual efforts to address the coordination of federally-funded transportation support and services, including employment-related transportation.

Expanding this effort to address the specific needs of our returning wounded and injured service members is certainly worthy of our attention and support. I also appreciate your commitment to ensuring that critical transportation services are available to people with disabilities and our veterans so that they can successfully access employment, health care, and other critical community services.

I would like to commit to you not only my support of the proposal, but the participation of my staff, including staff from the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), and the Employment and Training Administration (ETA). If there is anything further I can do to support you in these efforts, please let me know.

Sincerely,

HILDA L. SOLIS Secretary of Labor