

1 **COMMITTEE: NATURAL RESOURCES AND**
2 **INFRASTRUCTURE**

3 **POLICY: SOLVING AMERICA'S LONG-TERM**
4 **TRANSPORTATION FUNDING CRISIS**

5 **TYPE: RESOLUTION**

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7 Revenues for our transportation system continue to decline with vehicles becoming ever
8 more fuel efficient and changing travel patterns nationwide. The Highway Trust Fund is
9 estimated to become insolvent in 2015 while state gas taxes continue to show
10 diminishing returns. The American Society of Civil Engineers has estimated America's
11 surface transportation infrastructure faces a funding gap of about \$94 billion a year
12 based on current spending levels.

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14 To respond to this well-documented funding crisis currently impacting America's surface
15 transportation system, the National Conference of State Legislatures urges Congress to
16 support the creation of \$20 million program, with no more than \$2 million available for
17 allocation to any one state, to support state-level pilot programs to explore
18 transportation funding alternatives to fuel taxes.