

[DATE], 2009

Honorable [FULL NAME OF LEGISLATOR]  
[United State House of Representatives or United States Senate]  
[OFFICE ADDRESS]  
Washington, D.C. [20515 (House) or 20510 (Senate)]

RE: CO-SPONSORSHIP OF H.R. 2104 (Filner)

Dear [Rep. (REP'S LAST NAME) or Senator (SENATOR'S LAST NAME)]:

On behalf of [YOUR UNION NAME], I am writing to request your co-sponsorship of H.R. 2104 (Filner) – the Safety, Efficiency and Accountability in Transportation Projects through Public Inspection Act.

H.R. 2104 (Filner) requires public employees to perform the inspection on all state and local transportation projects. The passage of this bill or inclusion of these provisions in transportation appropriations measures or the 2009 transportation reauthorization will ensure that public safety is protected, transportation funds are not wasted and projects are delivered in a timely manner. A more detailed summary of the legislation is attached for your information.

H.R. 2104 was developed by [YOUR UNION NAME] and the National Association of State Highway and Transportation Unions (NASHTU). NASHTU is comprised of 38 unions, including AFSCME, AFT Public Employees, CWA, IFPTE, and SEIU, from 20 states and represents hundreds of thousands of state and local transportation department employees. [YOUR UNION NAME] is a founding member of NASHTU and represents [PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR UNION – NUMBER OF MEMBERS, WHERE THEY WORK, AND WHAT THEY DO]. We are dedicated to ensuring that federal transportation dollars are spent on safe, cost-effective projects that serve the public interest.

As was detailed in NASHTU's highly respected reports – *Highway Robbery* and *Highway Robbery II* – enormous problems, including delays in project delivery, cost overruns, and reduced project safety and quality, have been created in recent years when state and local transportation agencies irresponsibly outsource inspection and oversight on transportation projects.

We hope you will join us by agreeing to co-sponsor this important legislation. To do so, please call Sharon Wagener, Legislative Director with Representative Filner's office at (202) 225-8045. If you have any questions or seek additional information, please call me at [YOUR PHONE NUMBER HERE] or Ted Toppin with NASHTU at (916) 446-0584.

Sincerely,

[NAME]  
[TITLE]  
[UNION/ORGANIZATION NAME]

Enclosure