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Washington, DC 20515

June 23, 2017

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Springfield, IL 62706

Speaker Michael Madigan
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Leader Jim Durkin
316 Capitol Building
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Dear Governor Rauner, President Cullerton, Leader Radogno, Speaker Madigan, Leader Durkin:

On June 15, 2017, the Illinois Department of Transportation announced that they will shut down all construction work on June 30, 2017, unless a state budget is passed. This could include projects that rely on federal funding, not just state funding alone. We are extremely disturbed with this news and share the frustration of Illinois residents who will suffer from this inexcusable inaction. As such, we urge you to swiftly come together to develop a budget agreement that provides necessary funding for this important work.

According to the Illinois Department of Transportation, a state government shutdown would affect all state and local infrastructure projects that use state funds. This would lead to a halt in more than 700 projects and could cause up to 25,000 people to lose their jobs. Political gridlock should not be the reason that Illinoisans lose jobs and lose access to safe and reliable roads, bridges, ports, and tunnels.

It is our hope that Illinois will promptly come to a budget agreement and ensure the continuation of critical infrastructure projects. Investment in our infrastructure is an essential piece of economic growth, safety, and stability for Illinoisans. We stand ready and willing to assist in these efforts.

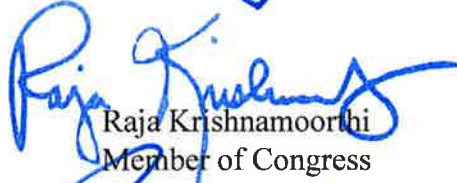
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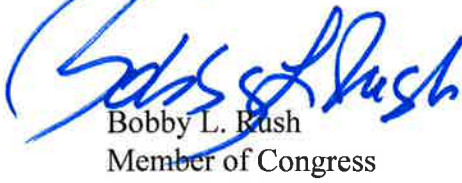
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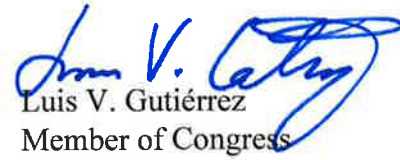

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