

February 28, 2014

Hon. Jeanne Shaheen United States Senate 520 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Shaheen:

The American Highway Users Alliance is pleased to support S. 2063, the SAFE Bridges Act, which would authorize \$5.5 billion over two years to repair or replace structurally deficient, functionally obsolete, and fracture critical bridges.

According to the Federal Highway Administration's latest version of "Highway Statistics", 24.8% of our bridges are deficient (not including fracture critical). 28.8% of the total <u>length</u> of bridges is deficient, covering more than 4,700 miles. The needs are simply overwhelming.

The American Highway Users Alliance appreciates your efforts to raise awareness of the problem and we look forward to working with you and your staff to advance your bill through the legislative process.

Please do not hesitate to have your staff contact me if I can be of assistance to you in keeping the motoring public safe on American bridges.

Sincerely,

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