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The Honorable Christopher J. Dodd
United States Senator
448 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Dodd:

Connecticut's towns and cities are ready-to-go. As Congress considers an economic stimulus package, communities across our state have projects that are ready to move forward, but haven't due to a lack of funds.

Attached is a CCM survey that lists many of those projects in the 94 towns and cities that have responded so far. Projects totaling \$2.6 billion are in need of funding. Extrapolated to the entire state, (using population) we estimate that there are \$3.35 billion worth of projects ready-to-go.

The projects on this list include a wide range of infrastructure projects that will benefit our state -- from road and bridge projects to school repairs. Taken as a whole they will have a significant impact on the quality of life in Connecticut.

Funding for these projects would get people to work quickly, help build a solid platform on which Connecticut's state and local economies can grow, and improve the quality of life in our hometowns.

Local governments can get the jobs done quickly. We urge you to provide that 60% of any infrastructure funding for Connecticut go directly to regional and local governments, rather than being routed through the state bureaucracy.

Connecticut's municipal leaders and CCM stand ready to work with you to enact a stimulus package that will benefit the economy of the state as a whole and the lives of citizens and businesses in Hometown Connecticut.

Ron Thomas, CCM's Manager of State and Federal Relations will contact your office to see how we can best work together towards this end. In the meantime, please call me or Gian-Carl Casa, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, if you have any questions.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

James J. Finley, Jr.
Executive Director and CEO

Attachment