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December 11, 2008

The Honorable M. Jodi Rell
Governor of Connecticut
Executive Chambers
State Capitol Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Rell:

Thank you for your statements of support for funding the infrastructure needs of towns and cities. I can assure you -- Hometown Connecticut is ready-to-go.

Please find attached the results of a CCM survey that lists over 1,300 projects in the 94 towns and cities that have responded so far (CCM had asked DOT to contribute information in time for this survey, but they declined to do so). 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.

Funding these projects benefits Connecticut in three ways: it puts people to work quickly, creates a solid platform on which to build economic growth and improves the quality of life in our hometowns.

Local governments can get the jobs done quickly. We urge you to provide that 60% of any federal stimulus funding for infrastructure projects go directly to regions and local governments, rather than being routed through the state bureaucracy. We also ask you to work with state agencies to establish expedited processes for regulatory approvals.

CCM is ready to work with you and our Congressional delegation to press for funding for these, and all other, ready-to-go projects. The projects on our list include a wide range of infrastructure projects that will benefit our state -- from road and bridge projects to mass transit to fiber optic/broadband. Taken as a whole they will have a significant positive impact on Connecticut's local and state economies.

Gian-Carl Casa, CCM's Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, will contact your office to see how we can best coordinate efforts on this important task. In the meantime, please have your office contact me if you have any questions.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

James J. Finley, Jr.
Executive Director and CEO

Attachment